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Town Officers, 1912

Selectmen.

H. W. BRAINERD, Chairman.

CHARLES D. HOLDEN, WILLIAM E. McDONALD.

Assessors.

R. E. CUMMINGS,	Term expires 1913
HARRY T. BISHOP (died Oct. 28, 1912),	Vacancy not filled
JOHN O. HAMILTON,	Term expires 1915

Overseers of the Poor.

HARRY T. BISHOP (died Oct. 28, 1912),	Vacancy not filled
FRANK J. HAMILTON,	Term expires 1914
PATRICK CROWLEY (died July 28, 1912).	
PATRICK J. FITZGERALD (appointed),	Term expires 1913

Town Clerk, 3 Years. **Town Treasurer.**

JOHN F. FOLEY, Term expires 1915. GEORGE E. CLOUGH

School Committee.

JOHN F. SHEA,	Term expires 1913
JOHN C. SULLIVAN,	Term expires 1913
JOHN F. HAYDEN,	Term expires 1915
WILLIAM B. KERIGAN,	Term expires 1915
GEORGE D. MOOERS,	Term expires 1914
JAMES WILSON,	Term expires 1914

Board of Health.

DR. JACOB P. SCHNEILER,	Term expires 1913
DR. SAMUEL O. MILLER,	Term expires 1914
DR. HARRY C. CHENEY,	Term expires 1915

Tax Collector.

JAMES AUSTIN HAWKES.

Cemetery Commissioners.

DAVID L. BODFISH,	Term expires 1914
LOUIS G. BARKER,	Term expires 1913
SAMUEL M. PHILLIPS,	Term expires 1915

Auditors.

EVERETT W. CARPENTER, CHARLES K. GAMWELL

Constables.

GEORGE A. BILLS, MICHAEL COLLINS.
JAMES J. MANNING, EDWARD F. McKELLIGOTT,
MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN, JR.

Fence Viewers.

RUFUS L. BOND, DENNIS MAHONEY,
PURLIN M. SHEARER.

Tree Warden.

CHARLES H. KEITH.

Field Drivers.

PURLIN M. SHEARER, THOMAS JOHNSTONE.

Highway Surveyor.

MICHAEL McKELLIGOTT.

License Commissioners.

JOHN W. FAY, HORACE R. PAINE, HARRY HALEY.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

JOSEPH M. ALLEN, CHARLES P. HAYNES,
RUFUS L. BOND.

Town Clerk's Report

RECORDED FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1912.

Number of births,	347
deaths,	165
marriages,	95
marriage certificates issued,	98
chattel mortgages,	11
assignment of wages,	0
discharge of mortgage,	6

JOHN F. FOLEY, Town Clerk.

DOGS.

Total number,		390
Males,	358	
Females,	32	
		390

BIRTHS REGISTERED, 1912

DATE		NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
Jan.	1	Xavier F.,	Xavier F. and Delia Cedillotte
	2	Julia,	Michael and Anorata Minkanis
	3	Stuart M.,	Philip C. and Ethel L. Story
	3	Ladislaf,	Paul and Apolonia Trzepacz
	5	Stefan	Stefan and Horata Kaslecki
	6	Louise A.,	John and Aglae Riopelle
	7	Still born.	
	9	Leo M.,	Ernest and Alfonsine Brothers

DATE		NAME OF CHILD	PARENTS' NAMES
	10		Anthony and Victoria Momulski
	10	Ruth,	Ernest W. and Elizabeth Taylor
	10	Rose A.,	Treffle and Eliza Benoit
	14	Bertha L.,	Uldaric and Eva Morin
	15	Joseph,	Staney and Mary Drisgowa
	15	Joseph,	Anthony and Agata Fryderick
	16	John F.,	James and Mary Sullivan
	16	Michael,	Theodore and Mary Muniec
	16	Evelyn E.,	Milton J. and Martha E. Royce
	16	Stephanie,	Peter and Anne Waldoch
	17	Hazel I.,	George H. and Addie L. Damon
	17	Lester,	Thomas W. and Margaret Cole
	18	Ellena,	Louis and Antholina Marco
	19	Ernest F.,	Ernest and Emma Gay
	22	Walter,	John and Mary Theboursky
	24	Zophie,	Staney and Bronislawa Michalek
	25	Charles,	Louis and Josie Byorek
	25	Mary,	Albert and Katy Gula
	25	Mary,	Albert and Katy Gula
	25	Vanda,	Staney and Julia Kojon
	26	Mary M.,	Henry and Alma Brodeur
	27	Evelyn W.,	Frederick H. and Ruth G. Lindstrom
	27	Joseph,	John and Mary Handzel
	28	Julia,	John and Annie Kozel
	31	Mary R.,	Narcisse and Philomene Bernard
Feb.	2	Stella A.,	Alcide and Lila Gosselin
	5	Ledia,	Gustave and Bernadette Hebert
	10	Gladys,	Herbert L. and Katherine Capen
	11	Edward,	Albert and Clara Yesnitzska
	12	Frederick L.,	Henry and Martha McCollom
	12	Etta L.,	Donald and Murdina Chisholm
	14	Edward,	John and Mary Klos
	15	Joseph C.,	William and Aggie Anskutti
	15	Mary M.,	Patrick H. and Irene McKelligott
	16	Cecil E. B.,	Cecil A. and Margaret Speary
	17	Alice L.,	Timothy J. and Mary Crimmins

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
	17	Mary E.,	Timothy J. and Mary Crimmins
	17	Joseph,	John and Stanislawa Papuga
	17	Joseph,	Stanislas and Franciska Machinetz
	18	Helen K.,	Louis D. and Edith Sird
	19	Bronislawa,	John and Julia Sroka
	28	Wadeslaf,	John and Anne Kustreba
	25	Zophia,	John and Julie Yazuga
	25	Stanislas,	Albert and Cora Goucz
	27	Mary J. C.,	Philias and Aurore Leclair
	28	Wadeslaf,	John and Kustreba
	29	Izola E.,	Grover and Lena Smith
March	1		William and Alice L. Askins
	2	Steve,	Steve and Rosie Zysk
	3	William A.,	Joseph and Regina Droege
	4	Doris C.,	George W. and Eva E. Cummings
	4	Joseph,	Sepan and Annie Kojek
	5	John,	Thomas and Nellie Quirk
	6	Della G.,	John and Grace Hughes
	6	Julia,	Marchal and Victoria Soah
	8	Still born.	
	8	Minnie,	Casimir and Katy Gondek
	10	Joseph,	Tedeusz and Antholina Zimba
	11	Stannie,	John and Mary Kovak
	16	Genna,	Anthony and Mary Gralensky
	18	Tony,	Joseph and Mary Tufeno
	18	Vincenty,	Constantine and Ellen Gralensky
	20	John A.,	John and Nellie Brisette
	21	Zophie,	Adam and Mary Broton
	21	Jennie,	Laurent and Carthegena Cochon
	21	Frank,	Joseph and Victoria Czaja
	23	Alice I.,	Milton S. and Mabel A. Booth
	25	Edward,	Frank and Josephine Ijek
	27	Alexander,	John and Norbertha Reniwicz
	28	Joseph C.,	Noe and Lina Bouthillier
	29	Barbara,	Andrew and Aggie Kulik
	29	Stephanie,	Sebastian and Katy Michalek

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
	31	Zophie,	John and Carolina Bernet
	31	Still born.	
	31	Omer L.,	Zepherin and Cedulie Lacoste
	31	Unknown.	
April	1	Joseph,	Boleck and Stanislawa Covalsik
	1	Charles O.,	Arthur and Albina Deschene
	2	Joseph,	Anthony and Mathilda Sega
	2	Andrix,	Andrew and Zophie Sernofky
	3	Edward J.,	Stanislaf and Sabina Polinsky
	4	Stanislawa,	Thomas and Felixia Kulik
	4	Edna H.,	Richard and Flora Laplant
	4	Zophie,	Thomas and Victoria Wilga
	5	Louis J.,	Martin and Pauline Wadas
	6	Cislaus,	John and Mary Worchouslak
	8	Bralsw,	Charles and Frances Zisk
	9	Julien,	Charley and Katy Filiasa
	10	Frank,	Joseph and Carolina Cook
	13	Elwin D.,	Harry T. and Gladys L. Ellis
	13	John,	Wadeslaf and Josepha Savetzky
	13	Teddy,	Teofil and Kreydo Nieziela
	14	Peter M.,	John and Mary Chesnaliz
	17	Alexander,	Charles and Flora Krusna
	18	Antholina,	Thomas and Antholina Mendolosky
	18	Alfred,	Alfred and Marie L. Chaput
	23	Ellena,	Wazach and Catherina Zagranetzky
	25	John,	Martin and Pauline Czch
	26	Alexander,	Edward and Frances Konoupka
	30	Dieu Donne A.,	Dieu Donne and Frances Chalut
	30		Frank and Anna Kuczynski
	30		Frank and Anna Kuczynski
May	1	May,	Daniel W. and Mary E. Fay
	5	Romeo A.	Louis and Helmina Bolduc
	7	Stanley,	William and Voijor Papugensky
	8	Mary,	Archibald and Nellie Sterling
	8	Armand,	Exias and Eva Robert
	9	Annie,	Joseph and Agnes Lucas

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
	11	Annie,	Louis and Apolonia Bigda
	14	Ignace,	Ignace and Francisca Wakniewicz
	15	Zophie,	Lawrence and Zophie Rusek
	16	Peter,	Stanislas and Bridget Dornoga
	17	Mary,	Julien and Rosa Waskyawicz
	17	Josephat,	Frank and Annie Savietzky
	17	Ernest,	Michael and Lucy Woinor
	17	Wadeslawa,	Theophile and Mary Kalinofky
	18	Mabel,	William and Mary J. Harper
	18	Tekla,	Albert and Mary Cusak
	19	Lars O.,	Walter and Goda Linquist
	19	Ronald E.,	Frank and Delia Rogers
	20	Gabriel,	Anthony and Katy Wilks
	21	Wilfred H.,	Moise and Edesse Coache
	22	Beatrice V.,	Clinton E. and Lillian Babin
	22	Clara C.,	Martin and Apolonia Bigda
	23	Joseph,	Anthony and Ludwica Sasour
	23	Carolina,	Jacob and Mary Janus
	28	Veronica,	Stanislas and Annie Zerdek
	29	Gertrude A.,	Herbert C. and Elizabeth Jewett
	31	Stanislas,	John and Mary Priska
	31	Annie,	Stanislas and Agnes Makenik
June	2	Stanislas,	Boleslaf and Alexandra Lamensky
	3	Josephine,	Cyprian and Zophie Stetz
	6	Still born.	
	6	Mildred B.,	Levi and Bertha Longey
	8	Mary,	John and Mary Zolensky
	9	Stanislas,	Valenti and Annie Govache
	11	Joseph,	Raphael and Mienka Bodon
	11	Annie,	Wadeslas and Stephanie Lacartik
	11	Annie,	Benjamin and Mary Skutnuk
	11	Joseph F. R.,	Armand and Maria Pimparee
	12	Edward,	Sylvester and Honorata Zemney
	12	William J.,	George and Sarah Matchett
	12	Annie,	Michael and Apolonia Macouski
	13	Çislaw,	Peter and Katie Nyshis

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
	15	Carlton H.,	Theron O. and Effie Beals
	15	William J.,	Clifford and Marguerite Ellithorpe
	20	Mary A.,	Patrick and Rose Provo
	23	Still born.	
	23	Thomas,	Thomas and Kate Madura
	23	John,	Joseph and Bridget Stajek
	24	John,	Joseph and Malvina Nedoline
	25	Staney,	Michael and Mary Imbas
	25	Frank,	Merian and Josephat Shitoska
	25	Charles A.,	Harry and Ola Wadleigh
	26	Wadeslaf,	John and Caroline Godek
	26	Elizabeth G.,	George and Cora Brault
	28	Blanche,	John and Melina Gibeau
	30	Joseph,	Peteo and Annie Mika
July	7	Palo Alto,	Pembroke and Betsy Peirce
	7	William J.,	William and Sarah Allen
	10	Gabriel,	Frank and Theophile Vesmilek
	12	Julia,	Martin and Jadviga Pilch
	12	Bernard E.,	John E. and Katharine Doyle
	13	Irene,	George and Josephine Gaboury
	14	Vanda,	Walter and Frances Dymon
	16	Mary,	Michael and Katy Mazgout
	16	William F.,	William and Clara Lynch
	16	Mary,	Joseph and Annie Topork
	17	Mary C.,	David and Catherine Belisle
	18	Mary I.,	William B. and Margaret Kerigan
	18	Marion,	Peter and Mary Steponosky
	19	Mary,	Waryniec and Karolina Augustyne
	20	Irene,	Adolphe and Melina Claing
	21	Stephen,	John and Annie Stoklosa
	21		Pellerine and Rosa Barbado
	21	Cleo E.,	Fred and Ella M. Davis
	22	Theodore,	Peter and Marie Cutyka
	22	Honora,	Alfred and Emma Hebert
	22	Wadeslaf,	Simeon and Annie Brojek
	25	Leslie C.,	Leslie C. and Mina Stevens

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
	27	Julia,	Joseph and Katy Krool
	27	Zophie,	Albert and Annie Wilk
	27	Alexander,	Frank and Annie Smigel
	29	Beatrice E.,	Ernest H. and Hattie Dewey
	29	Edward,	Louis and Exenia Deslaurier
	31	Marie A.,	Dmitra and Mary Koniok
Aug.	1	Marie E.,	Louis and Eva Reneaud
	1	Edward,	Joseph and Mary Curylo
	1	Joseph,	John and Zusanna Povigo
	5	Julian,	Julian and Maggie Francis
	6	Francesca A. E.,	William and Emma Rauch
	6	Stanislas,	John and Mary Zanovak
	6	Wilson,	Wilson and Jane Dunlop
	7	Frank,	Frank and Vincenta Stephens
	9	Frank,	Anthony and Josie Stapinek
	9	Felecia,	Joseph and Annie Semenski
	9	Marie E.,	Joseph and Georgianna Landry
	10	Mary,	Bronislaw and Victoria Obiajwa
	12	Frances O.,	Albert and Lena Fenton
	13	Stanislas,	Wazenty and Josie Scepel
	13	Charles,	Charles and Eva Hamilton
	16	Sarah I.,	Warren C. and Elizabeth Mundell
	17	Edward,	Anthony and Mary Stolarz
	17	Bernard D.,	John A. and Annie L. Shea
	19	John,	Joseph and Mary Vrubel
	19	Ellen,	James J. and Manie Smith
	20	Powell,	John and Julia Scovera
	21	Ernest G.,	William F. and Hattie Otis
	21	Clara,	Joseph and Cora Stepanik
	22	Mary,	John T. and Elizabeth Sullivan
	22	Joseph,	John T. and Elizabeth Sullivan
	28	Leo,	Pierre and Rose Ganchey
	30	Misalaf,	John and Rose Mika
	30	Felecia,	Leo and Katy Sorowicz
	31	Regina,	Joseph and Emilia Renaud
	31	Robert C.,	Louis J. and Blanche Brainerd

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
	31	William D.,	Robert S. and Ida M. Gilchrist
Sept.	1	Evelyn T.,	William C. and Hazel Daley
	4	Mary,	John and Katie Kos
	7	Mary,	Michael and Katherine Moynahan
	11	Edward,	Henri and Mary Gibouleau
	12	Andrew,	Joseph and Frances Sarvolik
	15	Henri,	Joseph and Annie Locas
	15	Marjorie,	Wallace and Bertha Maynard
	16	Eunice,	Stephen and Sarah McAdam
	21	Mildred,	Daniel J. and Elizabeth Sullivan
	21	Joseph,	Wadeslas and Yaviga Topork
	26	Genoweka,	Joseph and Josie Majera
	26	Antonia,	Peter and Mary Karlin
	27	Wadeck,	Stanislas and Magogata Sok
	28	Claire W.,	John C. and Mary E. Shaw
	30	Victoria,	Zigmon and Kitarzyna Salomon
	30	George,	William and Anne Buxton
	30	Edward,	Lugi and Ermelinda Gehnini
Oct.	1	Helen E.,	Albert C. and Ettie E. Martineau
	2	Romone,	John and Bridget Piench
	2	Apolonia,	Stanislas and Annie Zain
	2	Joseph E.,	Joseph and Louise St. Amand
	2	Nellie,	Joseph and Katie Yanik
	3	Alfred,	Edward and Georgianna Onimette
	5	Howard F.,	Charles and Mary Lent
	6	Marie D.,	Arthur and Dorothe Paimpare
	13	John,	John and Helen Johnson
	14	Ida M.,	William J. and Grace G. Birmingham
	14	Sylvia L.,	Jacob and Ethel Winer
	15	Josie E.,	Joseph and Ellen Michaliski
	17	Frank,	George and Mary Kewolek
	19	John,	Frank and Celia Phiatwaski
	20	Mary,	Adam and Martianna Dougal
	21	Stanislaw,	Anthony and Annie Stopinski
	21	Barbera,	Stanislas and Frances Kolish
	23	Victoria,	Andrew and Mary Zral

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
	24	Raymond T.,	Patrick W. and Anna Cavanaugh
	27	Wadeslaf,	Andrew and Katy Sidok
	27	Mary,	Peter and Anna Dendo
	31	Thomas,	Antonio and Matilda Natale
	31	Andrew E.,	Eric and Jennie Anderson
	31	Helka,	Michael and Zophie Wagloski
Nov.	1	Mietzchwal,	Joseph and Mary Couchmidor
	1	Mary,	Stanislas and Annie Strzchacz
	2	Pompio,	Henrico and Marie A. Poncy
	3	Zophie,	Powell and Nellie Petrika
	3	Bridget,	Frank and Zophie Papuga
	4	Charlotte,	Andrew B. and Blanche M. Rathbone
	4	Edward,	Edward and Ellen Crimmins
	4	Fred P.,	Walter P. and Sarah Bacon
	4	May,	Jacob and Julia Uczcz
	5	Joseph,	Matchet and Katy Starchacz
	8	Mary,	Albert and Catherine Popar
	9	Madeline,	Michael and Mary Farrelly
	11	————	Charles A. and Elizabeth A. Chapman
	11	Mary,	John and Julia Klos
	12	Hector,	Charles and Rose A. Guillette
	12	Elizabeth,	Pierre and Mary Nevue
	14	Thelma A.,	George and Anna J. Allen
	14	Leo B.,	Walter and Sarah Russell
	16	Rachel L.,	George E. and Helen L. Clough
	16	Louis,	Anthony and Josephine Russuk
	16	Julia K.,	John E. and Mary V. Toole
	17	Gabriella,	Ignace and Annie Janouche
	17	Zophie,	Staney and Katy Lazenszek
	23	Josie,	Louis and Annilla Medura
	23	Stanislas,	Antioney and Bronislawa Cougean
	23	Emile,	Joseph and Veronica Cochmidor
	24	Jennie E.,	Israel and Katharine Brooks
	24	Stephanie,	Albert and Julia Sorowietyki
	24	Edward,	Edward and Stella Brow
	24	Stephen,	Albert and Mary Drunka

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
	24	Andrew,	William and Pauline Roman
	25	Stanislas,	Michael and Zophie Varkow
	26	Lawrence,	Lawrence and Katy Soleso
	26	Grace,	Daniel J. and Anna Sullivan
	27	Aylmer,	Frank and Agnes Monat
	30	Fannie B.,	Chase B. and Effie A. Woodman
Dec.	3	Natalie,	Arthur L. and Bertha F. Emery
	7	Lillie,	Fred and Ida Smith
	7	Frank,	Joseph and Cora Kordikoski
	7	Oscar J.,	Emil J. and Margaret Plante
	8	Mary,	Vincent and Victoria Sagan
	8	Casimir,	Frank and Wadeslawa Stelolka
	8	Victoria,	Isidore and Katy Zemba
	9	Josephine,	David and Melina Riel
	9	Stanislas,	Anthony and Mary Kozout
	10	Joseph,	Joseph and Theresa Szwat
	11	Eva B.,	Oliver and Emma Dumais
	12	Edward,	Joseph and Anna Kizmisk
	15	Damase,	Marcin and Agnes Noya
	15	Peter,	Stanislas and Mary Miskalek
	15	William,	Stanislas and Mary Miskalek
	18	Lois,	H. Arthur and Clara Phelps
	18	Violet L.,	Ernest T. and Viola L. Taylor
	22	Wilbur D.,	George J. and Lena M. Gunn
	23	Joseph,	Joseph and Apolonia Kingens
	23	Joseph,	John and Agnes Foder
	23	Robert C.,	John F. and Julia Hayes
	23	William F.,	William F. and Mary L. Gaffney
	23	Elliott,	Arthur B. and Anna Cummings
	28	Camilla G.,	Antoine and Rose A. Champagne
	28	Still born.	
	30	Joseph,	Arthur and Almosa Germain
	30	Jeaques,	Arthur and Almosa Germain
	31	Ralph Harold,	George H. and Emma Murdock
	31	Lawrence E.,	John E. and Jennie Hayes

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN PALMER, 1912

DATE.		GROOM.	RESIDENCE.	BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
Jan.	2	Joseph Nolin,	Chicopee	Celina Bouthillier,	Thorndike
	9	Teovil Bovkovzki,	Three Rivers	Bronislawa Peklik,	Three Rivers
	16	Joseph Wegiel,	Three Rivers	Annie Treala,	Three Rivers
	17	Joseph Michalski,	Three Rivers	Helena Zienkiewicz,	Three Rivers
	19	Stephen McAdam,	Gilbertville	Sarah Sinclair,	Three Rivers
	22	Wadyslaw Karta,	Ludlow	Zofia Swiek,	Three Rivers
	23	Alexander Wysmutek,	Three Rivers	Josefa Doboneska,	Three Rivers
	23	Peter Swul,	Bondsville	Salomea Kozlik,	Bondsville
	30	John Krol,	Three Rivers	Zofia Dymon,	Three Rivers
Feb.	5	Wladyslaw Topor,	Thorndike	Josie Niedzela,	Thorndike
	5	Peter Bubon,	Bondsville	Walerya Kielbasa,	Bondsville
	12	Antoni Lebaskeu,	Palmer	Mary Stankewiez,	Palmer
	14	Peter Steponoski,	Palmer	Mary Parda,	Palmer
	18	Joseph Kszepka,	Three Rivers	Helena Sokoski,	Three Rivers
	19	William C. Daly,	Three Rivers	Hazel T. Laforet,	Thorndike
	21	Wallace W. Maynard,	Palmer	Bertha Clark,	Palmer
March	18	George Moses,	Palmer	Ethel Colburn,	Palmer
April	29	Michael Kaslowski,	Palmer	Anna Vitkawskiute,	Palmer
	29	Joseph Cwiklanski,	Bondsville	Karolina Ostowska,	Bondsville
May	6	Arthur F. Hitchcock,	Wales	Sarah A. Sherman,	Palmer
	7	Szczpan Orszulak,	Bondsville	Apolonia Stryehs,	Bondsville
	13	Albert Jaras,	Bondsville	Broniswava Rybark,	Bondsville
	15	Edwin A. Buck,	Palmer	Mabel B. Oakes,	Palmer
	21	August Flamond,	Three Rivers	Parmelia Laviolette,	Three Rivers
	22	Jacob Dogela,	Three Rivers	Maryana Aidukiś,	Three Rivers
June	3	Reese J. Richards,	Palmer	Laura L. Bond,	Bondsville
	4	Michael J. Kennedy,	Springfield	Viola A. McGuan,	Palmer
	10	Vincenty Povalski,	Three Rivers	Josefa Zrgelewiez,	Three Rivers
	10	George Bobrowski,	Three Rivers	Bronislawa Zursk,	Three Rivers
	17	Simon Chabot,	Thorndike	Matilda Murray,	Thorndike
	18	Wieenty Walaszek,	Thorndike	Zofia Krol,	Thorndike
	19	Herman Parker,	Three Rivers	Margaret Vennert,	Three Rivers
	24	Carol Jakiela,	Thorndike	Antolina Lero,	Thorndike
	25	Ludwik Pietrosak,	Bondsville	Antolina Torza,	Bondsville
July	1	Wladyslaw Chandzil,	Bondsville	Katy Chura,	Bondsville
	1	George J. Bruso,	Springfield	Ida E. Laplante,	Thorndike
	2	Wladyslaw Lazarz,	Thorndike	Bronislawa Armata,	Thorndike
	9	Marcin Medura,	Bondsville	Maryana Mihoj,	Bondsville
	9	Ignaey Nikel,	Three Rivers	Franeyska Lorzen,	Three Rivers
	9	Ignatius Stachelek,	Three Rivers	Rosalia Korvalek,	Three Rivers
	10	Tomasz Sajdera,	Three Rivers	Mary Stokoska,	Three Rivers
	16	Stany Kubat,	Bondsville	Katy Migal,	Bondsville
	16	Roman Ringiel,	Three Rivers	Mary Maika,	Ludlow
	20	Knute W. A. Knape,	Palmer	Eugenia S. Karlson,	Palmer
	22	Peter Ukoskiewicz,	Bondsville	Agnes Labida,	Bondsville
	22	Antony Kovalzk,	Three Rivers	Kamala Ziskowska,	Three Rivers
	23	Wladyslaw Sivk,	Palmer	Mary Nicewicz,	No. Wilbraham
	23	Harry Regula,	Bondsville	Antolina Labida,	Bondsville
	30	Stanislas Serafin,	Three Rivers	Zusanna Boldiga,	Three Rivers
Aug.	5	Edward Brow,	Palmer	Stella Foster,	Thorndike
	6	Joseph Patnode,	Springfield	Emma Lapalm,	Thorndike
	12	Stanislaw Motyka,	Three Rivers	Stanislawa Krupek,	Three Rivers

DATE.	GROOM.	RESIDENCE.	BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
12	Napoleon Crochier,	Three Rivers	Ovilina Bleau,	Three Rivers
13	Charles Koziol,	Jewett City, Ct.	Frances Bialowska,	Three Rivers
20	Philias Belisle,	Bondsville	Bridget Sullivan,	Bondsville
21	John T. Donovan,	New York, N. Y.	Florence M. Heenehan,	Palmer
24	Ralph Dasco,	Palmer	Pauline Bosh,	Palmer
27	Lirence Lasota,	Thorndike	Maryana Tensar,	Thorndike
Sept. 3	Wladyslaw Trymensenski,	Palmer	Katy Liebroda,	Three Rivers
3	Daniel E. Sheehan,	Rutland, Vt.	Annie M. Brosnan,	Palmer
10	Tony Wos,	Thorndike	Agnes Kuznear,	Thorndike
10	Michael Majka,	Three Rivers	Tekla Robak,	Three Rivers
16	Joseph Stokosa,	Three Rivers	Katy Brzys,	Three Rivers
17	Tony Lafoschino,	Palmer	Victoria Swovic.	Palmer
24	Mike Szondrouski,	Three Rivers	Lucyar Orzek,	Three Rivers
25	Jason H. Keith,	Thorndike	Edna B. Taylor,	Bondsville
30	Jasper Bresette,	Palmer	Eva Merritt,	Ware
Oct. 8	Loran E. Dean,	Phillipston	Alice M. Rich,	Phillipston
9	Jan Lacska,	Three Rivers	Mary Jouroska,	Ludlow
15	Joseph Zebicki,	Palmer	Katarzyna Kaminski,	Palmer
23	Jacob P. Schneider,	Palmer	Margaret M. Treen,	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
29	Edmund J. McNally,	Springfield	Julia G. Daley,	Palmer
30	George W. Leonard,	Monson	Mary R. Allard,	Monson
31	Edward J. Durkin,	Westfield	Annie M. Taylor,	Palmer
Nov. 4	William T. Matrow,	Monson	Edna May Bressette,	Palmer
5	Marcin Gura,	Thorndike	Tekla Grala,	Thorndike
6	Dennis F. Leary,	Thorndike	Mary R. D. L. Foley,	Lowell
8	Thomas Jackson,	Three Rivers	Tillie Jackson,	Three Rivers
12	Ezra P. Gould,	Monson	Anna L. Connor,	Palmer
12	David J. Brown,	Palmer	Elizabeth Horan,	Palmer
13	Robert Mumford,	Palmer	Marjorie F. Tate,	Palmer
16	William F. Gerald,	Springfield	Minnie Hamilton,	Palmer
18	Ignacy Pitka,	Three Rivers	Lanorda Klinek,	Three Rivers
19	Patrick Rowan,	Palmer	Johanna Fenton,	Palmer
19	Maciej Kasperowicz,	Bondsville	Agnes Saduk,	Bondsville
20	John Brach,	Thorndike	Agnes Bonk,	Thorndike
21	Andy Kroolik,	Three Rivers	Mary Smigel,	Three Rivers
25	John Kubis,	Three Rivers	Victoria Bednarz,	Three Rivers
25	Marchal Mayotte,	Three Rivers	Beatrice Benoit,	Three Rivers
26	Adam Burek,	Bondsville	Annie Bigda,	Bondsville
26	George E. Stratton,	Glascow, Mont.	Maude L. Parker,	Thorndike
27	Joseph Plante,	Bondsville	Mary Sullivan,	Ware
Dec. 3	Richard E. Wheeler,	Palmer	Ruth S. Bishop,	Thorndike
24	Jesse Lever,	Monson	Helen H. Hayden,	Monson
24	James Henderson,	Three Rivers	Elizabeth Vennard,	Enfield

DEATHS REGISTERED IN PALMER, 1912.

DATE.		NAME.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan.	3	Steve Golinski,	9	5	1
	4	Zofia Ryngel,	33		12
	6	Ruth W. Babb,	78	10	1
	7	Still born.			
	10	————Mamuleka,		15 minutes	
	14	John Gaska,	43		
	16	Henry M. Bliss,	65	10	14
	18	Daniel J. Sullivan,	73	4	
	27	William Riddle,	53		
	27	George Johnson,	74	10	17
	29	Joseph Cadieux,		9	
Feb.	8	Jessie F. Thompson,	55	11	27
	14	Mary Czerwienska,	23		
	18	Ethel Henderson,	29	2	21
	17	Joseph Murcinic,		30 minutes	
	19	Catherine Topor,	40		
	21	John D. Sullivan,	42	6	6
	22	Branislawa Pargy,		3	5
	23	Johanna Griffin,	70		
	24	Isaac Hubert,	78	9	14
	25	Phillip Laplant,	34	10	15
	25	Still born.			
	28	Mary McCarthy,	67		
March	1	George W. Collis,	64	7	2
	5	William F. Stacy,		1	6
	8	Still born.			
	10	Everline E. Mason,	38	5	22
	11	John Murphy,	79	2	16
	12	James D. Sullivan,	50		17
	21	Florence Potvin,	1	6	24
	22	Walter Herran,	40		
	25	Hazel A. Damon,		2	8
	27	Henry Beauregard,	61	9	
	27	Clarence Bouthillier,			1
	28	Margaret M. O'Neil,	58	1	5

DATE.		NAME.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
	29	Julia E. Ellis,	78	8	29
	31	Still born.			
	31	——— Dymon,		unknown	
	2	Alphonse Viens,	71		
April	9	Claude Macabee,	2	10	4
	9	Bridget A. O'Connor,	59		
	12	Clara J. Leclair,		1	15
	12	Simon Korlen,		8	24
	17	Staney Jacinski,	2	2	4
	18	Sophranie Smith,	65		
	18	Alfred Chaput,		20 minutes	
	23	Alcide Goselin,	31		
	25	Bronislaw Galemba,		7	
	29	Alice R. Butler,	40	4	8
May	2	Minnie B. Converse,	44	11	28
	2	May Fay,			5 hours
	4	Aureor Paquette,		9	28
	9	Wojciek Wadanczyk,	20		
	13	Marion Paquette,	14	11	
	14	Oliver Konopka,			18
	15	Margaret Collins,	65		
	17	John Fenton,	88	7	11
	21	Henry W. Coache,			1
	22	Bronislawa Kulik,		1	24
	23	Bridget McGowan,	76		
	24	Michael Sullivan,	74		
	24	Andrew A. Houghton,	61		
	24	Alice M. Smith,	68	7	9
	27	Howard Chabot,		10	8
	28	Carrie B. Burdick,	42	2	5
	29	Michael Sullivan,	60	2	27
	30	Mary Fitzpatrick,	50		
June	6	Still born.			
	9	Maria Sgo,	1	5	9
	9	Boleslawa Sokowsky,		11	25
	12	John Pietros,			18 days

DATE.		NAME.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
	14	Frank P. Bowie,	44	5	30
	19	Mary Vilk,		10	20
	22	James Heenehan,	68	6	
	23	Still born.			
	24	Frank Wiatr,	17	6	
	13	Charles D. Sloane,	43		
July	3	Edward McDonald, Jr.,	34	8	4
	4	Olga Norberg,	8	4	28
	4	Susan Thompson,	49	11	15
	8	Mary A. Connor,	67		
	12	Julia A. Wallace,	53		20
	13	Pierre Genard,	67		
	18	Patriek T. O'Brien,	78		
	18	Katarzyna Liro,		8	
	19	Matgorzata Czepiel,		5	15
	19	George A. Rice,	55	9	28
	19	Francis Kuk,		2	28
	22	Annie Yawoiski,		2	4
	23	Horace W. Stimson,	71	9	15
	25	Edna L. Roberts,	2	3	8
	26	Dora Gaffney,	39	5	13
	26	Romeo L. Cloutier,		9	14
	26	Josie Zessartirska,	26		
	28	Patrick Crowley,	73	4	3
	29	Helena Czech,			6 weeks
	28	Mary E. Provo,		1	17
Aug.	11	Pierre Cadieux,	73	6	
	11	Walter Tybursky,		6	21
	13	Joseph Rivet,	2	6	
	13	James M. Banks,		9	27
	14	Mike Babek,	29		
	16	Ellen Goula,	1		2
	19	Edward Gagesna,		9	
	22	Mary Sullivan,			3 hours
	22	Joseph Sullivan,			3 hours
	24	Irene Gaboury,		1	11

DATE.		NAME.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
	25	Genefa Gwalenski,		5	10
	28	Martha J. Fewell,	74	3	11
	29	William Belisle,	1	2	6
	31	Daniel Heney,	87		
	22	Joseph Paulin,	29	11	15
	26	John Fitzgerald,	45		
Sept.	6	Mary Kroolik,	36		
	6	Beatrice E. Brault,		2	7
	7	Charley Johns,	38		
	9	Joseph Nodoleue,	6		5
	9	Rose A. Benoit,		8	
	11	Meczyslaw Majka,		1	
	13	Bridget Crimmins,	82		
	15	Martha J. Mooers,	94	1	1
	17	Mary S. Brown,	91	4	15
	19	William D. Mason,	89	1	25
	27	Mary A. Brouilette,		4	5
	6	Emily M. Wilbur,	69	1	17
	25	Konda Lekavcryk,	27		
Oct.	1	Alexander Kouszna,		5	14
	4	Annie E. Bradley,	40	3	22
	5	Arthur Gloster,	46		
	9	Evelyn T. Daley,		1	9
	12	John Deady,	30	4	15
	11	Edmund Cassiello,		11	2
	19	Lawrence Robinson,	5	10	19
	19	Deliska Pimpare,			14
	20	George M. Atkins,	58	11	18
	21	Peter Kulig,		7	13
	21	Abbie F. Holbrook,	74	1	11
	25	Nelson Robinson,	8	6	
	28	Harry T. Bishop,	61	1	6
	31	Joseph Billet,		7	27
Nov.	5	Mary Fountain,			5 minutes
	5	Catherine Daley,	87		
	8	Alice M. Childs,	50	9	10

DATE.		NAME.	YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
	11	Patrick J. Crimmins,	51	4	20
	14	Robert Lusty,	68	4	9
	19	Jeremiah E. Horan,	75	9	
	20	Stitier Valkus,		11	5
	22	Joseph Robok,		7	11
	23	Myra M. Merrick,		1	29
	26	Nellie Sullivan,		9	22
	27	Elizabeth M. Eager,	81	11	12
Dec.	1	Mary J. Farnham,	84	9	7
	2	Ira F. Brown,	43	4	21
	5	Elizabeth C. Aldrich,	67	1	9
	5	Elisha R. Holmes,	75	2	6
	7	Teddy Moson,			4
	10	Howard F. Lent,		2	5
	10	Annie C. Trickett,	50	11	27
	10	Still born.			
	17	Frank Kordokiski,			12
	18	John Gatas,			17
	21	Eliza J. Clark,	78	7	19
	28	Still born.			
	30	Joseph Germain,			5 hours
	30	Charles G. Thompson,	45	8	25
	31	Still born.			
	24	Henry L. Gray,	81	5	1

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report:

Organized with Harold W. Brainerd, Chairman and Chas. D. Holden, Clerk.

Regular meetings were held every Thursday evening until the last few weeks in the year when they were held only every second Thursday.

The business necessary to transact required also several special meetings on other days and evenings.

The same system as previous year was followed in granting sewer entrances and forty-four applications were received.

Instead of granting junk license to highest bidder, as formerly, four licenses were granted, resulting in a material increase in the revenue to the town and being, we believe, more satisfactory to the voters.

All other duties entrusted to us were carefully considered and performed to best of our judgement.

The claim of Mrs. Finnerty for injury sustained by falling over a bound stone placed by the County Commissioners was settled by us by the payment of three hundred seventy five ($375.) dollars, which in our judgment was less than the expense would be if allowed to go to trial.

The stone crusher and equipment for same was sold for seven hundred dollars.

The town accounts for year ending Feb. 15th, 1912 have been audited by the State Bureau of Statistics, but no report received from them thus far.

All arc lights have been replaced by incandescent, and

located according to our best judgment, based upon our own observation and the suggestions from residents on various streets. In order to benefit the greater number it may be necessary to relocate some of these lights and the Electric Company is willing to do this when so directed.

Regarding the lighting question as a whole, we do not think the so called "Moonlight Schedule" plan meets the requirements of the town or is satisfactory to a majority of the citizens.

We recommend that the lights be maintained every night up to one o'clock.

The Selectmen considered it important to have a record showing the location of all lights and while preparing to obtain this information, found that the Electric Company were preparing plans showing this. These plans are finished and the Electric Company has kindly presented prints of these plans to the town and they are now at the Selectmen's office.

These prints show locations of each light and whether single, three or five light cluster.

Your board gave careful consideration to question of dumping ground and finally arranged to buy from John Lewis for that purpose, a piece of land on Thorndike Street at a cost of five hundred dollars.

From appropriations made, the Three Rivers sewer was completed, as also the ones at Wire Mill and Bondsville.

Numerous complaints were made to the board, of fruit dealers obstructing the sidewalks in depot village, with goods and peanut roasters, and of teams occupying side-walk in front of Palmer Coal & Grain Co.

All but the latter promptly complied with the requirements of the Selectmen, and we have assurance from the present owners of the Grain Company that they will soon make arrangements for loading without backing teams across the sidewalk.

The $1,000.00 placed at our disposal from which to pay salary of the Highway Surveyor has been expended for that purpose so far as it would go, but was not sufficient to pay

this account in full, and another appropriation will be necessary.

Statement of expenditures of past year and recommendations for next year will be found elsewhere in this report as will also the reports of the other Town officials.

CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriation,		$4,000.00
Forest fires,	$742.3?	
Palmer Journal, printing miscellaneous work,	571.30	
Library Bureau, printing,	5.50	
A. W. Brunell, assessors' notices,	5.50	
Walter L. Shaw, stamped envelopes,	53.40	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones,	100.20	
J. P. Lynde, stationery,	1.35	
T. P. Bosquet, janitor,	10.20	
George E. Clough, supplies,	8.99	
Palmer Water Co., rent,	8.00	
Dr. H. C. Cheney, returning births,	11.50	
Charles F. Gettemy, certification of notes,	9.00	
John W. Loftus, returning deaths,	21.50	
W. H. Tobin, team hire,	5.25	
Hobbs & Warren, supplies,	17.61	
A. H. Bartlett, dog license papers,	3.25	
Dr. C. H. Giroux, returning births,	53.00	
Carter Ink Co., ink,	.83	
Fred O. Royce, primary officer,	3.00	
F. E. Merrick, primary officer,	3.00	
J. G. Hutchinson, primary officer,	3.00	
F. W. Fleury, primary officer,	3.00	
C. S. Ruggles, primary officer,	3.00	
C. S. Ruggles, rent of hall,	8.00	
George A. Bills, primary offifficer,	3.00	
George A. Bills, services,	45.00	
M. E. Moynahan, primary officer,	3.00	

E. P. Brown, primary officer,	3.00
E. P. Brown, services and expenses,	31.37
E. P. Brown, milk inspecting and expenses,	6.16
T. J. Sullivan, primary officer,	3.00
P. C. Daley, primary officer,	3.00
W. H. Morse, primary officer,	3.00
Consolidated Printing Co., printing,	17.75
Whitcomb & Faulkner, repairs, Memorial Hall,	10.95
W. H. Brainerd, engineering and surveying,	18.63
D. E. Marcy, team for license commissioners,	3.00
D. E. Marcy, delivering ballot boxes,	2.00
Roy E. Cummings, expense board of assessors,	26.49
Parker-Hamer Electric Co., wiring Town House,	24.69
Charles H. Bannister, recounting votes,	3.00
Charles H. Bannister, recounting votes,	3.00
Charles H. Bannister, registrar,	15.00
P. Belanger, recounting,	3.00
P. Belanger, recounting,	3.00
P. Belanger, registrar,	15.00
Freeman A. Smith, recounting,	3.00
Freeman A. Smith, recounting,	3.00
Freeman A. Smith, registrar,	15.00
Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing,	3.00
Dr. S. O. Miller, returning births,	2.50
Freeman H. Sanborn, boiler inspecting,	5.00
Boston Duck Co., water rent,	6.00
Boston Duck Co., water rent,	6.00
Theodore Norman, state report,	15.00
J. F. Foley, services as registrar,	15.00
J. F. Foley, vital statistics and record,	226.30
J. F. Foley, supplies,	6.80

Charles D. Holden, postage,	3.96
Charles D. Holden, postage and transportation,	6.86
J. E. Toole, typewriting,	2.50
J. E. Toole, typewriting,	2.00
J. E. Toole, typewriting,	5.50
Edward McKelligott, special services,	2.00
Edward McKelligott,	3.00
Thorndike Co., water rent,	5.00
*T. D. Potter, material for sewer,	40.00
Central Vermont R. R., pipe location,	2.00
Charles F. Smith, cattle inspection,	18.50
Charles H. Keith, cattle inspection,	24.50
Charles H. Keith, cattle inspection,	171.00
Charles H. Keith, cattle inspection,	189.25
M. H. Davitt, cattle inspection,	129.75
E. W. Phinney, inspecting diseased meat,	20.00
E. W. Phinney, inspecting diseased meat,	31.50
H. W. Brainerd, assessors' maps,	5.00
Albert Roundville, Thompson case,	68.38
C. B. Thomas, special duty,	13.50
C. B. Thomas, special duty,	9.00
C. B. Thomas, special duty,	10.50
C. B. Thomas, special duty,	9.00
C. B. Thomas, special duty,	9.00
C. B. Thomas, special duty,	13.50
M. Collins, special police duty,	3.00
C. H. Babcock, special police duty,	3.00
Carl D. Knight, engineer,	11.85
Maurice Haley, special police duty,	3.00
George E. Clough, typewriting,	5.00
M. F. Sullivan, returning deaths,	4.75
F. L. Pierce, repairs,	1.00
George E. Richardson, boiler inspection,	2.00
D. F. Dillon, settlement of claims,	33.00
James Manning, special police duty,	3.00
Thomas Holt, Jr., special police duty,	3.00

J. W. Brainerd, labor,	2.75	
George Ezekial, insurance and bonds,	186.24	
George Ezekial, insurance,	10.00	
Dr. J. P. Schneider, returning births,	6.25	
G. W. Todd & Co., check protector,	30.00	
Samuel Phillips, returning deaths,	18.75	
Francis L. Jones, labor and material,	13.94	
James P. O'Connor, repairs to library building,	62.05	
C. W. Darling & Co., wood,	3.25	
H. H. Smith, repairs on tub,	5.05	
T. J. Crimmins, extra service,	2.00	
Dr. H. H. Moore, returning births,	.50	
John Mansfield, extra services,	3.00	
Woodmont Garage, hire of auto,	4.00	
J. C. Shaw, lunches for firemen	2.95	
E. J. Duncan, lunches for firemen	4.05	
E. B. Taylor, lunches for firemen	2.65	
Ed. W. Spaulding, cleaning selectmen's room,	4.55	
R. E. Johnstone, water rent,	5.00	
Gardner & Gardner, settling Finnerty case,	375.00	
R. H. Smith, steel stamp,	.43	
Walter B. Eddy, printing,	2.59	
D. C. Hathaway, fencing work,	1.00	
F. K. Twiss, team hire,	4.00	
*John W. Rochford, Maple street, walk,	50.45	
James Summers, settlement of West Warren fire claim	58.40	
James Summers, supplies,	11.00	
James Summers, forest warden,	50.00	
W. & L. E. Gurley, dies, sealer weights and measures,	2.30	
George Justin, janitor work,	1.00	
		$3,995.53

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,		$4,195.00
Tax Collector,	$525.20	
Highway Surveyor,	1,000.00	
Auditor,	40.00	
Assessors,	518.75	
Treasurer,	300.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	200.00	
Selectmen,	450.00	
Clerk of Selectmen,	100.00	
Town Clerk,	100.00	
Board of Health,	150.00	
Clerk of Board of Health,	25.00	
Tree Warden,	100.00	
Overseers of Poor,	399.90	
Cemetery Commissioners,	150.00	
		$4,058.85

CARE AND RENT OF LOCKUP.

Appropriation,		$235.00
Worcester County Gas Co., rent,	$129.96	
James Knox, janitor,	88.00	
Colby Learned, janitor,	8.00	
		$225.96

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

Appropriation,		$500.00
Earnings,		1,187.82
Expenditures,	$1,465.57	
		$1,687.82

BONDING OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,	$185.00

Mass. Bonding and Ins. Co.,	$100.00	
S. H. Hellyar,	85.00	
		$185.00

PUBLIC DUMP.

Appropriation,		$1,000.00
John Lewis, land,	$500.00	

PRECINCT OFFICERS AND POLLING PLACES.

Appropriation,		$250.00
Expenditures,	$247.15	

BURIAL OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Expended,	$74.00

NIGHT POLICE.

Appropriation,		$1,600.00
T. J. Crimmins,	$399.96	
Edward McKelligott,	399.96	
James J. Manning,	399.96	
John F. Mansfield,	399.96	
		$1,599.84

UNFINISHED CONTRACT WORK. THREE RIVERS.

Appropriation,		$569.48
Caesar A. Rossi,	$569.48	

LIGHTING STREETS.

Appropriation,		$5,000.00
Central Mass. Electric Co.,	$4,830.04	

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation,		$1,000.00
American Express Co.,	$5.35	
Emerson Laboratory,	85.90	
Palmer Trucking Co.,	1.65	
Commonwealth of Mass.,	28.00	
Dr. J. P. Schneider,	1.95	
Dr. C. H. Giroux,	10.00	
Charles Kruszna,	28.00	
Bay State Drug Co.,	37.75	
Horace R. Paine,	37.95	
C. B. Dolge,	9.00	
		$245.55

AUTO FIRE TRUCK.

Appropriation,		$300.00
E. A. Buck & Co., supplies,	$27.89	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	.30	
E. B. Taylor, supplies,	6.72	
George Ezekiel, insurance,	90.00	
Knox Auto Co., supplies and repairs,	83.02	
Woodmont Garage, repairs,	32.15	
James Summers, supplies and repairs,	14.85	
Wright Wire Co.,	2.46	
		$257.39

YOUNG MEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Appropriation,		$1,800.00
L. E. Chandler, treasurer,	$1,800.00	

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,		$100.00
S. H. Wright, treasurer,	$100.00	

SUPPRESSION OF GYPSY MOTH.

Appropriation,		$500.00
W. F. Fillmore, supplies,	$69.50	
E. A. Buck & Co., supplies,	3.99	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	77.91	
Merimac Chemical Co., supplies,	36.69	
D. E. Marey, teaming,	49.00	
Charles H. Keith, labor,	73.26	
		$310.35

NORTH MAIN STREET SEWER.

Appropriation,		$475.00
W. H. Brainerd, engineering,	$12.00	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, tiling,	100.96	
H. W. Brainerd, surveying,	7.50	
James Manning,	14.00	
C. T. Brainerd,	328.50	
		$462.96

BELCHERTOWN ROAD SEWER.

Appropriation,		$250.00
H. W. Brainerd, surveying,	$6.00	
James J. Manning, inspection,	18.00	
C. T. Brainerd, labor,	225.00	
		$249.00

BOURNE STREET SEWER.

Appropriation,		$450.00
W. H. Brainerd, engineering,	$26.00	
S. W. Lyon, tiling,	20.00	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	3.78	
Springfield Union, advertisement,	3.38	

F. K. Twiss, teaming,	18.25	
Con. Sugrue, labor,	2.75	
C. T. Brainerd, labor,	356.00	
H. W. Brainerd, surveying,	6.00	
Palmer Mills, supplies,	6.48	
		$448.64
James Manning, inspection,	6.00	

CARE OF TOWN CLOCK.

Appropriation,		$100.00
A. E. Fitch, janitor,	$100.00	

BONDSVILLE SEWER.

Appropriation,		$6,000.00
Springfield Republican, advertisement,	$2.60	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, tiling,	1,075.27	
W. H. Brainerd, engineering and surveying,	249.17	
New England Metal Culvert Co., pipe,	14.86	
T. D. Potter, tiling and supplies,	73.52	
Eugene Fenton, inspection,	15.25	
C. T. Brainerd, labor,	393.85	
Adolph Girouard, labor,	20.25	
John Bowes & Co., labor,	3,965.34	
D. W. Dillon, inspection,	181.05	
		$5,991.16
*T. D. Potter, material paid from contingent fund,		$40.00

PERMANENT HIGHWAY.

Appropriation,		$50,000.00
T. D. Potter, stakes,	$40.20	
C. H. Burns, board for engineer,	147.50	

Walter L. Charles, engineer,	1,168.92	
New England Metal Culvert Co., pipe,	97.92	
W. N. Flynt Granite Co., contract,	6,830.75	
Boston & Albany R. R., demurrage,	4.00	
John S. Lane & Co., rock,	133.91	
Gulf Refining Co., oil,	51.56	
C. L. Waid, carfare,	6.72	
C. A. LeGro, carfare,	6.72	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	1.20	
F. J. Hamilton,	5.00	
E. Brown Co.,	3.00	
D. L. Bodfish, labor Shearer's Corner,	400.85	
		8,898.25

REIMBURSING POLICE OFFICERS.

Appropriation,		$100.00
George A. Bills, special duty,	$17.50	
C. B. Thomas, special duty,	36.00	
		53.50

NEW CONCRETE WALKS.

Appropriation,		$500.00
J. W. Rochford, labor,	$454.78	
W. H. Brainerd, surveying,	11.00	
P. H. Provencal, labor,	26.68	
J. W. Rochford, labor,	50.45	
	$542.91	
J. W. Rochford,	*50.45	
*Expenses paid from contingent fund,		$492.46

PREMIUM ON HIGHWAY BONDS.

Premium paid by R. L. Day,		$329.50
Palmer National Bank, insurance and postage,	$4.28	

First National Bank, Boston, preparing and certifying bonds,	130.00	
Springfield Union, advertising,	5.26	
		139.54
Balance unexpended,		$189.96

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures.
Contingencies,	$4,000.00	$3,995.53
Precinct officers and polling places,	250.00	247.15
Care and rent of lockup,	235.00	225.96
Young Men's Library Association,	1,800.00	1,800.00
Cemetery Commissioners,	500.00	1,465.57
Lighting streets,	5,000.00	4,830.04
New concrete walks,	500.00	492.46
Night police,	1,600.00	1,599.84
Board of Health,	1,000.00	245.55
Bonds of town officers,	185.00	185.00
Illegal sales of liquor,	200.00	
Memorial Day celebration,	100.00	100.00
Maintaining and upkeep of fire truck,	300.00	257.39
Reimbursing of police officers,	100.00	94.50
Suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths,	500.00	310.35
North Main street sewer,	475.00	462.96
Bourne street sewer,	450.00	448.64
Belchertown road,	250.00	249.00
Bondsville sewer,	6,000.00	5,991.16
Salaries of town officers,	4,245.00	4,058.85
Maintaining and upkeep of town clock,	100.00	100.00
Public pump,	1,000.00	500.00
Unfinished contract, Three Rivers, sewer,	569.48	569.48
Permanent highway,	50,000.00	8,898.25
Burial of soldiers,		74.00
Premium on highway construction bonds,		139.54
		$37,341.22

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Precinct officers and polling places,	$300.00
Telephones for Town Officers	140.00

Forest Warden,	50.00
Board of Registrars,	60.00
Upkeep of auto truck,	350.00
Care and rent of lockup,	250.00
Cattle and meat inspection,	600.00
Premium for workmen's compensation insurance,	200.00
Codtingincies	3475.00

HAROLD W. BRAINERD,
CHARLES D. HOLDEN,
WILLIAM E. McDONALD,
Selectmen of the Town of Palmer.

Highway Surveyor's Report

February 15, 1913.

To the Voters of the Town of Palmer:

The repairs of the highways the past year have been by the use of the road machine, turnpiking and gravel filling. The condition of the highways after the heavy rains early last season was so bad that we did not have money enough to do the repairing that should be done. There is demand for ash walks at all times. There should be some method to locate the manholes that are not up to grade in regard to flushing and cleaning sewers. The Blanchardville bridge has been thoroughly repaired and put in condition to last some years. There were other minor repairs done in the bridge department. There are other bridges that need attention, the dry bridge on Bridge street in Palmer and several other small bridges.

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	$2,500.00
Excise tax,	3,417.06

HIGHWAYS—FEBRUARY 15 TO MARCH 23, 1912.

Con. Harrington, labor,	$15.75
P. M. Shearer, Jr., labor,	4.25
C. J. Leary, labor,	8.75
Tim Lane, labor,	1.75
Tony Landy, labor,	2.19
Tom Harwood, labor,	2.50

Warren Trumble, labor,	1.75
John Harrington, labor,	7.50
Frank Scalopi, labor,	2.63
John Erike, labor,	2.63
Paul Carl, labor,	2.19
Bony Deprate, labor,	2.19
Tim Sullivan, labor,	2.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	1.75
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	2.00
John Furkey, labor,	5.25
Henry Chabot, labor,	8.76
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	19.50
James Crean, labor,	11.00
John Crean, labor,	4.38
William Otis, labor,	.88
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.00
W. B. Hathaway, labor, team,	11.50
Peter Peterson, labor,	7.00
A. H. Gates, labor, team,	12.00
Harry Keith, labor,	2.63
L. H. Brown, labor, team,	8.50
W. C. Trumble, labor, team,	4.88
George Lamb, labor,	1.75
Nelson Morse, labor,	.88
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, team,	4.00
Oliver Dumas, labor,	7.00
George A. Smith, labor, team,	4.00
John Jones, labor,	2.00
William J. Foley, labor,	15.00
Henry Fortune, labor,	9.63
Eugene Picard, labor,	6.12
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	31.00
John Foster, labor,	1.50
D. Devine, labor,	13.50
A. Ramsden, labor, team,	4.00
Freeman Ramsden, labor,	1.50
James Donahue, labor,	2.25

L. J. Joryake, labor, team,	25.50
Walter Jacmake, labor, team,	19.75
W. Bigda, labor,	6.00
M. Koss, labor,	6.00
Dan McKelliget, labor,	3.75
W. Fitzpatrick, labor,	4.50
James T. Sullivan, labor,	1.00
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	3.00
C. O. Grimston, labor,	3.50
Charles Forsman, labor,	10.00
Week ending March 30.	
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	$3.00
James Crean, labor,	4.00
Con. Harrington, labor,	10.50
John Harrington, labor,	5.25
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	6.00
Eugene Finton, labor,	2.63
Michael Sears, labor,	2.63
Patrick Ferrice, labor,	3.00
Richard Thomas, labor,	1.50
Arthur Moore, labor,	13.50
Andrew Trzepaez, labor,	5.83
D. E. Marcy, labor, team,	15.75
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	19.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.00
W. F. Fillmore, material,	.55
Week ending April 6.	
James Crean, labor,	$9.63
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	22.00
Jerry Downey, labor,	1.50
Con. Healey, labor,	7.88
C. J. Leary, labor,	7.00
Con. Harrington, labor,	6.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	5.25
John Crimmins, labor,	7.00
William Roman, labor,	8.00
Jerry Lynch, labor,	10.50

Alex. Herran, labor,	21.00
James Henderson, labor,	6.00
Henry Lebeau, labor,	3.75
John Duprey, labor,	1.50
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	8.00
P. S. Trumble, labor, team and scraper,	15.00
Week ending April 13.	
C. J. Leary, labor,	$10.50
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
James Crean, labor,	2.00
Con. Healey, labor,	8.75
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	8.00
John Crean, labor,	7.00
Patrick Murphy, labor,	3.00
D. E. Marey, labor, team,	4.50
Tim Sullivan, labor,	8.00
F. E. Higgins, labor, team,	24.00
E. W. Phinney, labor,	2.50
Joseph Belanger, repairs,	2.55
Arthur Moore, labor, team,	18.00
Andrew Trzepacz, labor,	7.00
Week ending April 20.	
D. E. Marey, labor, teams,	$42.80
John Furkey, labor,	10.50
Michael Coffey, labor,	8.75
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	11.00
John Crean, labor,	10.06
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
C. J. Leary, labor,	10.50
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	20.00
Con. Healey, labor,	7.88
Patrick Murphy, labor,	6.00
Richard Thomas, labor,	2.25
Michael Moyotte, labor,	.75
Alfred Goodreau, labor, team,	8.00
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, team,	12.00
Oliver Dumas, labor,	1.75

Eugene Picard, labor,	1.75
John J. Daley, labor, team,	35.00
Week ending April 27.	
John Furkey, labor,	$10.50
Michael Coffey, labor,	10.50
Patrick Murphy, labor,	9.00
John Crean, labor,	10.50
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	12.00
D. E. Marcy, labor, teams,	54.00
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
John Crimmins, labor,	4.50
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	22.00
James Crean, labor,	12.00
Con. Healey, labor,	10.50
George Reily, labor,	12.25
Richard Thomas, labor,	9.00
Tim Sullivan, labor,	9.00
John Gebo, labor,	1.50
Fred Hebert, labor, team,	14.00
Alfred Goodreau, labor, team,	16.00
P. M. Shearer, labor, team,	2.00
W. H. House, labor, team,	6.00
John Gay, labor,	1.75
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	6.50
J. F. Foley, supplies,	.50
Joseph Belanger, signs,	9.00
Sullivan & Sons, material,	.90
New England Metal Culvert Co., machine blade,	8.00
Week ending May 4.	
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	23.00
James Crean, labor, team,	11.50
Alex Herran, labor,	1.50
D. E. Marcy, labor, teams,	52.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	10.07
Con. Healey, labor,	10.07

Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	11.50
John Crean, labor,	10.07
Alfred Goodreau, labor, team,	23.00
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Tim Sullivan, labor,	1.50
Patrick Murphy, labor,	9.00
John Furkey, labor,	10.07
Michael Coffey, labor,	10.07
P. M. Shearer, labor,	1.50
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	17.00
S. J. Jorzake, labor, team,	2.00
Walter Jacumskt, labor,	2.00
Charles Dunn, labor,	.88
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	.75
George Bachard, labor,	2.63
M. Koss, labor,	8.76
Richard Thomas, labor,	5.25
Joe Carmody, labor,	.88
George Fitzpatrick, labor,	6.13
S. H. Brown, labor, team,	3.20
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.25
John Jacumskt, labor,	.88

Week ending May 11.

James Crean, labor,	$10.25
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	10.00
Michael Coffey, labor,	2.63
Patrick Murphy, labor,	3.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	8.97
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	20.00
George Reily, labor,	7.44
John Cahell, labor,	1.95
Tim Sullivan, labor,	.50
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	20.00
Joe Carmody, labor,	5.25
Martin Koss, labor,	7.00
Richard Thomas, labor,	7.50

George Fitzpatrick, labor,	8.32
John Tybuiski, labor, team,	12.00
John Lesmirk, labor, gravel,	2.00
W. B. Kerrigan, labor, team,	37.25
Alex Herran, labor,	9.00

Week ending May 18.

Michael Slattery, labor, team,	$21.00
John Tybuiski, labor, team,	4.00
Joe Carmody, labor,	8.75
Richard Thomas, labor,	7.50
George Fitzpatrick, labor,	5.25
S. A. Ramsden, labor, team,	17.00
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	6.00
Henry Talmage, labor,	3.50
George Bachard, labor,	7.00
F. E. Higgins, labor, team,	3.38

Week ending May 25.

Con. Harrington, labor,	$9.00
George Reily, labor,	9.63
Joseph Bushman, labor,	1.75
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	4.00
William J. Foley, labor,	7.00
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	40.00
Oliver Dumas, labor,	17.50
Eugene Picard, labor,	14.00
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	26.50
S. A. Ramsden, labor, team,	26.50
Joe Carmody, labor,	10.50
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	9.00
Richard Thomas, labor,	9.00
George Bachard, labor,	10.50
George Fitzpatrick, labor,	10.50
James F. Sullivan, labor,	1.00
Dennis Slattery, labor,	.66
Henry Talmage, labor,	8.75
Boston Duck Co., repairs,	3.75

A. Girouard, repairs,	4.00
Week ending June 1.	
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	$4.00
George Reily, labor,	3.50
Joseph Bushman, labor,	3.50
John Crean, labor,	3.50
Con. Healey, labor,	3.50
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	9.00
S. A. Ramsden, labor,	9.00
Joe Carmody, labor,	1.75
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	3.00
George Bachard, labor,	3.50
Richard Thomas, labor,	3.00
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	2.00
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	2.77
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.05
Week ending June 8.	
J. W. Loftus, labor, team,	$7.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	9.63
John Furkey, labor,	9.63
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Con. Healey, labor,	9.63
George Reily, labor,	9.85
Frank Bessette, labor,	7.88
James Crean, labor,	9.00
John Crean, labor,	6.13
Michael Molloy, labor,	4.38
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	25.00
S. A. Ramsden, labor, team,	25.00
Joe Carmody, labor,	3.50
Richard Thomas, labor,	9.00
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	3.00
Henry Talmage, labor,	6.13
George Bachard, labor,	3.50
James T. Sullivan, labor,	10.50
Thomas Moriarty, labor,	6.13

John F. Hannifin, repairs,	1.00
Leven Bowen, labor,	3.50
Charles Forsman, labor, team,	10.00
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, team,	24.00
Eugene Picard, labor,	10.50
Oliver Dumas, labor,	10.50
William Foley, labor,	10.50
William Burdick, repairs,	2.00

Week ending June 15.

James Crean, labor,	$12.00
John Furkey, labor,	10.50
Frank Bessette, labor,	3.50
Michael Molloy, labor,	10.50
Con. Healey, labor,	10.50
John Crean, labor,	10.50
Joseph Bushman, labor,	10.50
George Reily, labor,	10.50
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
C. J. Leary, labor,	6.00
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	16.50
Alcede Labelle, labor,	1.00
Alex Herran, labor,	9.00
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	4.00
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	52.00
William Foley, labor,	10.50
Oliver Dumas, labor,	10.50
Eugene Picard, labor,	10.50
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	13.50
S. A. Ramsden, labor, team,	27.00
M. Pirar, labor, team,	4.50
John Harness, labor, team,	4.50
Dennis Slattery, labor,	5.25
George A. Smith, labor, team,	24.00
John Jones, labor,	12.00
George Brow, labor,	12.00
John Goddard, gravel,	1.00

Week ending June 22.

Alfred Goodreau, labor, team,	$24.00
George Reily, labor,	10.50
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
John Furkey, labor,	10.50
John Crean, labor,	10.50
Michael Molloy, labor,	5.25
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	13.50
S. A. Ramsden, labor, team,	27.00
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	16.00
Con. Healey, labor,	10.50
Joseph Bushman, labor,	10.50
James Crean, labor,	12.00
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, team,	24.00
Oliver Dumas, labor,	10.50
Eugene Picard, labor,	10.50
William Foley, labor,	10.50
George A. Smith, labor, team,	16.00
John Jones, labor,	8.00
George Brow, labor,	8.00

Week ending June 29.

S. A. Ramsden, labor, team,	$16.00
John Furkey, labor,	7.00
Amos Bondsville, labor,	7.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	7.00
Charles Connor, labor,	1.75
Alfred Goodreau, labor, team,	16.00
James Crean, labor,	8.00
Con. Healey, labor,	7.00
John Crean, labor,	7.00
George Reily, labor,	7.00
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	2.50
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	28.00
Eugene Picard, labor,	8.75
Oliver Dumas, labor,	10.50
William Foley, labor,	10.50

George A. Smith, labor, team,	16.00
John S. Jones, labor,	8.00
George Brow, labor,	8.00
Ernest Wright, labor,	8.75
A. H. Gates, labor, team,	16.00
Week ending July 6.	
John Furkey, labor,	$8.75
Joseph Bushman, labor,	8.75
Alex Herran, labor,	7.50
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
W. H. House, labor, team,	5.00
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	8.00
James T. Sullivan, labor,	3.50
Joe Carmody, labor,	4.38
John B. Moriarty, labor,	3.50
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	3.00
Richard Thomas, labor,	3.00
John L. Sullivan, labor, team,	8.00
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	48.00
Oliver Dumas, labor,	10.50
William Foley, labor,	7.00
Adlorde Harness, labor,	7.00
Alex Girard, labor,	10.50
William Goodreau, labor,	18.38
David Laplant, labor,	12.25
W. B. Kerrigan, labor, team,	52.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.10
Week ending July 13.	
Joseph Bushman, labor,	$10.50
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	6.00
Henry Talmage, labor,	1.75
A. H. Gates, labor, team,	7.00
Week ending July 20.	
Joseph Bushman, labor,	$9.63
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	6.00

Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Con. Healey, labor,	3.50
Alex Herran, labor,	5.25
Edward Lynch, labor,	1.50
D. E. Marcy, labor, team,	1.75
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	16.00
Joe Carmody, labor,	5.25
John B. Moriarty, labor, team,	12.25
Richard Thomas, labor,	4.50
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	6.00
James T. Sullivan, labor,	.88
Martin Koss, labor,	3.50
William Fitzpatrick, labor,	7.88
Delphis Dupont, gravel,	6.80
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	2.25
Charles O'Connor, labor,	.75
Week ending July 27.	
James Casey, labor,	$10.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	8.75
Alex Herran, labor,	7.50
Ruben Lamb, labor,	1.75
Week ending August 3.	
James Casey, labor,	$12.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	9.63
Alex Herran, labor,	7.50
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	2.00
James Summers, labor, repairs,	5.65
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.10
Week ending August 10.	
Joseph Bushman, labor,	$10.50
James Casey, labor,	12.00
Ed Lynch, labor, team,	17.50
William Lynch, labor,	8.75
Ed Colgrove, labor,	8.75
Week ending August 17.	
Charles Forsman, labor, team,	$41.25

Andrew Sepacz, labor,	15.75
Arthur Moore, labor,	15.75
Walter Jaenusket, labor,	4.00
Thomas Jaenusket, labor,	1.75
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	1.50
Henry Talmage, labor,	.88
James Casey, labor,	12.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	10.50
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	6.75
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	80.00
William Foley, labor,	17.50
A. F. Paul, labor,	17.50
Earnest Paul,	17.50
Pierre Leberge, labor,	17.50
Joseph Bourbeaur, labor,	12.25
Eugene Picard, labor,	8.75
Alex Herran, labor,	15.00
Richard Thomas, labor,	14.25
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	15.75
Week ending August 24.	
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	$24.00
William Foley, labor,	5.25
Eugene Picard, labor,	5.25
Alex Girard, labor,	5.25
Peter Paul,	5.25
Earnest Paul, labor,	5.25
M. J. Moynahan, repairs,	12.35
Week ending August 31.	
Charles Forsman, labor, team,	$13.50
Arthur Moore, labor,	5.25
Andrew Sepacz, labor,	5.25
Eddie Colgrove, labor,	7.00
George Reily, labor,	5.25
James Casey, labor,	8.00
Week ending September 7.	
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	$4.50

Alex Herran, labor,	1.50
William Goodreau, labor,	4.38
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.10
Week ending September 14.	
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	$27.00
James Casey, labor	12.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	7.00
John Furkey, labor,	10.50
I. Aug. Peterson, labor, team,	4.00
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	2.50
J. M. Allen, gravel,	.75
A. A. Warriner, gravel,	.45
Week ending September 21.	
James Casey, labor,	$12.00
Week ending October 5.	
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	2.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.00
Week ending October 19.	
Con. Harrington, labor,	$9.00
Week ending October 26.	
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	$16.75
Dominic Motyka, labor, team,	15.75
George Motyka, labor,	6.13
Felix Priga, labor,	6.13
James Casey, labor,	12.00
J. F. Foley, labor, supplies,	.50
Week ending November 2.	
Alex Herran, labor,	$8.25
Charles O'Connor, labor,	5.25
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	12.50
Charles Forsman, labor, team,	9.00
Arthur Moore, labor,	3.50
Andrew Sepacz, labor,	3.50

James Casey, labor,	11.00
Con. Healey, labor,	11.00
Michael Molloy, labor,	7.88
Con. Harrington, labor,	7.50
John Roland, labor,	6.13
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	24.75
George A. Smith, labor,	9.00
John Jones, labor,	9.00
George Motyka, labor,	7.00
Felix Biga, labor,	7.00
Dominic Motyka, labor, team,	18.00
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	14.00
James T. Sullivan, labor,	1.75
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	5.25
Martin Koss, labor,	3.75
Mareb Thoslik, labor,	1.75
Joseph Belanger, repairs,	2.80
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	2.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.57

Week ending November 9.

Michael Slattery, labor, team,	$24.25
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	9.00
Martin Koss, labor,	7.88
Richard Thomas, labor,	9.00
John Lesmak, labor,	10.50
James Casey, labor,	8.00
Con. Healey, labor,	12.00
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	18.00
John Roland, labor,	8.75
Michael Molloy, labor,	8.75
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	25.00
Alex Herran, labor,	9.00
Charles O'Connor, labor,	7.00
Dominic Motyka, labor, team,	26.00
Felix Priga, labor,	10.12
George Motyka, labor,	10.12

Palmer Trucking Co., team,	4.00
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	4.09
Week ending November 16.	
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	$12.10
James T. Sullivan, labor,	5.25
Richard Thomas, labor,	4.50
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	5.25
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	9.00
John Roman, labor,	3.50
Michael Molloy, labor,	4.38
James Casey, labor,	12.00
Con. Healey, labor,	12.00
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, team,	16.00
Earnest Paul, labor,	8.75
Arthur Ducharm, labor,	8.75
Eugene Picard, labor,	7.88
William Foley, labor,	1.75
Alex Girard, labor,	8.75
Dominic Motyka, labor, team,	4.50
George Motyka, labor,	3.50
Felix Priga, labor,	3.50
D. E. Marcy, labor, team,	4.78
F. J. Hamilton, plank,	62.50
F. W. Simons, supplies,	2.97
Week ending November 23.	
Charles O'Connor, labor,	$5.25
Alex Herran, labor,	3.00
Richard Thomas, labor,	.75
Mayo Paequette, labor,	2.62
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	10.00
Michael Slattery, labor,	3.50
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	1.50
Martin Koss, labor,	1.75
John M. Sullivan, labor, team,	4.00
James T. Sullivan, labor,	2.00
Louis Lureveow, labor,	2.00

James Casey, labor,	12.00
Con. Healey, labor,	12.00
C. J. Leary, labor,	12.00
John Cahell, labor,	10.00
Week ending November 30.	
Alex Girard, labor,	$15.75
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, team,	32.00
Earnest Paul, labor,	14.00
William Foley, labor,	14.00
Arthur Ducharm, labor,	14.00
James T. Sullivan, labor,	6.00
James Casey, labor,	11.00
Con. Healey, labor,	12.00
Jerry Lynch, labor,	2.00
C. J. Leary, labor,	12.00
S. H. Brown, labor, team,	3.50
Ducy & Keir, supplies,	3.20
New England Metal Culvert Co., pipe culvert,	12.60
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.22
Week ending December 7.	
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	$40.00
Arthur Ducharm, labor,	8.75
Hanzana Ducharm, labor,	8.75
Peter Paul, labor,	8.75
Earnest Paul, labor,	8.75
Eugene Picard, labor,	8.75
William Foley, labor,	7.00
James Casey, labor,	12.00
George Dunn, labor,	11.00
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	13.75
Con. Healey, labor,	2.00
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	2.50
Week ending December 14.	
Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	$24.00
Arthur Ducharm, labor,	5.25

Peter Paul, labor	5.25
Earnest Paul, labor,	5.25
William Foley, labor,	5.25
Eugene Picard, labor,	5.25
F. E. Higgins, labor, team,	9.00
Richard Thomas, labor,	3.50
S. H. Brown, labor, team,	2.00
Jerry Downey, labor,	13.75
Standard Soda Co., labor, team,	1.50
James Summers, repairs,	2.60
T. D. Potter, supplies,	.75

Week ending December 21.

Dennis E. Mahoney, labor, teams,	$24.00
William Foley, labor,	5.25
Earnest Paul, labor,	5.25
Peter Paul, labor,	5.25
Arthur Ducharm, labor,	5.25
Eugene Picard, labor,	3.50
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	18.00
James Casey, labor,	10.00
George Dunn, labor,	8.00

Week ending December 28.

P. M. Shearer, labor, team,	$4.50
Sullivan & Sons, labor,	4.50
James Casey, labor,	2.00
Con. Healey, labor,	2.50
C. J. Leary, labor,	3.50
John Cahell, labor,	2.00
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	2.00
George Dunn, labor,	2.00
James Daily, labor,	2.50
A. A. Warriner, gravel,	4.95
W. B. Hathaway, labor,	3.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., pipe culvert,	11.30
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.67

Week ending January 4, 1913.

F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	$10.00
Charles O'Connor, labor,	3.50
Alex Herran, labor,	4.50
Richard Thomas, labor,	1.50
M. J. Sullivan & Sons, labor,	3.25
C. J. Leary, labor,	4.00
Con. Healey, labor,	3.00
James Casey, labor,	2.00
Warren Trumble, labor,	3.50
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	2.00
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	.30

Week ending January 11.

Charles O'Connor, labor,	$3.50
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	10.00
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	.75
John Toyron, labor,	.75
D. Divine, labor,	.75
John Furkey, labor,	1.00
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	1.00
James Daily, labor,	1.00
Con. Healey, labor,	$4.00
James Casey, labor,	1.00
William Burdick, repairs,	.65

Week ending January 18.

Con. Healey, labor,	4.00
James Casey, labor,	9.00
James T. Sullivan, labor,	2.63
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	20.00
Charles O'Connor, labor,	7.00
Alex Herran, labor,	6.00
Boston & Albany R. R., freight,	1.50

Work ending January 25.

John J. Daily, labor, team,	$7.00
E. W. Phinney, labor,	7.50
James Casey, labor,	1.75

Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	1.75	
James Daily, labor,	1.75	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	2.50	
Week ending February 1.		
C. J. Leary, labor,	$4.00	
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	4.50	
Robert Johnston, labor,	1.00	
James Casey, labor,	3.00	
Charles O'Connor, labor,	3.50	
Alex Herran, labor,	3.00	
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	10.00	
S. H. Brown, labor,	.80	
W. C. Trumble, labor,	1.00	
James Summers, jobbing,	1.05	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	1.27	
Week ending February 15.		
James Daily, labor,	$2.00	
C. J. Leary, labor,	8.00	
James Casey, labor,	5.75	
Joseph Bushman, labor,	1.75	
John Furkey, labor,	1.75	
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	1.75	
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	3.93	
Charles O'Connor, labor,	4.38	
Alex Herran, labor,	3.75	
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	12.50	
P. M. Shearer, labor, team,	1.97	
W. C. Trumble, labor, team,	1.75	
F. E. Higgins, labor, team,	7.70	
Palmer Trucking Co., labor, team,	6.00	
T. D. Potter, supplies,	3.21	
R. B. Francis, labor and grate,	3.27	
William Burdick, repairs,	.65	
W. B. Kerrigan, labor, team,	8.00	
		$5,485.55

SEWERS AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation,		$1,000.00
February 15 to March 23, 1912.		
Charles A. Tracy, labor and stock,	$24.45	
C. W. Darling & Co., supplies,	4.50	
Week ending April 6.		
Henry Chabot, labor,	$7.88	
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	8.00	
John Furkey, labor,	7.00	
Week ending April 13.		
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	$11.00	
John Furkey, labor,	8.75	
Henry Chabot, labor,	1.75	
M. J. Dillon, labor,	15.05	
Marcy Lumber Co., brick,	6.50	
Week ending April 20.		
James Crean, labor,	$9.00	
Tim Sullivan, labor,	10.00	
George Reily, labor,	5.25	
John Crimmins, labor,	3.00	
R. B. Francis, manhole and cover,	10.00	
Week ending April 27.		
Jerry Fogarty, labor,	$7.00	
Alex Herran, labor,	12.00	
William M. Sullivan, labor,	9.60	
Week ending May 4.		
George Reily, labor,	$12.25	
Dan Shugrue, labor,	.50	
John Cahell, labor,	5.25	
John Gay, labor,	3.00	
W. F. Fillmore, supplies,	4.00	
Week ending May 11.		
D. W. Dillon, brick,	$4.33	
T. D. Potter, tile pipe,	7.90	

S. W. Lyon & Co., tile pipe,	1.30
Week ending May 18.	
Dan Shugrue, labor,	1.00
Martin Smith, labor,	3.50
Con. Healey, labor,	.50
J. W. Loftus, labor, team,	1.50
George A. Smith, labor, team,	4.00
John Jones, labor,	2.00
George Brow, labor,	2.00
Week ending May 25.	
Edward Bleau, labor, team,	$4.00
Sam Langway, labor,	1.75
Edward Bessette, labor,	.88
Week ending June 22.	
Amos Bondsville, labor,	$7.00
C. J. Leary, labor,	9.00
John Gay, labor, team,	5.25
Week ending June 29.	
R. Coyer, labor,	$1.74
Week ending July 20.	
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	$6.00
Con. Healey, labor,	5.25
Patrick Ferrice, labor,	6.00
P. J. Kennedy, labor,	5.25
Martin Koss, labor,	2.63
Frank Fret, labor,	5.25
Henry Talmage, labor,	1.75
Week ending July 27.	
Con. Harrington, labor,	$10.50
Con. Healey, labor,	9.63
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	4.80
George Reily, labor,	7.38
Patrick Murphy, labor,	7.50
Patrick Ferrice,	8.40
D. E. Marcy, labor, team,	5.00

Michael Slattery, labor,	6.00
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	2.75
Richard Thomas, labor,	2.75
T. D. Potter, supplies,	13.94
Week ending August 3.	
Con. Harrington, labor,	$10.50
George Reily, labor,	8.75
Con. Healey, labor,	9.63
Patrick Murphy, labor,	9.00
Henry Chabot, labor,	7.00
D. E. Marcy, labor, teams,	15.50
J. F. Foley, labor, supplies,	.50
Week ending August 10.	
George Reily, labor,	$9.63
Con. Healey, labor,	5.25
Henry Chabot, labor,	10.50
Con. Harrington, labor,	10.50
Patrick Murphy, labor,	1.50
Joe Ceadeau, labor,	3.50
John Roland, labor,	1.75
Henry Nephew, labor,	1.75
Ed. Goods, supplies,	5.00
Week ending August 17.	
Con. Harrington, labor,	$10.50
George Reily, labor,	10.50
Henry Nephew, labor,	1.75
Henry Chabot, labor,	1.75
William Laived, labor, team,	2.25
Con. Healey, labor,	5.25
H. D. Converse, labor, team,	2.00
Marcy Lumber Co., lumber,	.38
J. F. Foley, supplies,	1.00
M. J. Dillon, labor,	9.60
James T. Sullivan, labor,	9.60
Week ending August 24.	
Con. Harrington, labor,	$10.50
Con. Healey, labor,	10.50

George Reily, labor,	10.50
Joseph Bushman, labor,	10.50
C. J. Leary, labor,	8.75
Marcy Lumber Co., brick,	7.00
C. K. Gamwell, supplies,	3.50
Week ending August 31.	
C. J. Leary, labor,	$5.25
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Con. Healey, labor,	10.50
Joseph Bushman, labor,	10.50
R. B. Francis, cover and repairs,	11.60
J. F. Foley, supplies,	.50
Week ending September 7.	
George Reily, labor,	$1.75
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Joseph Bushman, labor,	7.00
Con. Healey, labor,	5.25
William Burdick, repairs,	5.50
W. F. Fillmore, supplies,	9.06
Healey Sewer Machine Co.,	83.22
Week ending September 14.	
Con. Healey, labor,	$10.50
D. E. Marcy, labor, team,	2.50
Week ending September 21.	
Con. Harrington, labor,	$9.00
Con. Healey, labor,	10.50
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	.45
E. W. Phinney, lantern,	.90
Week ending September 28.	
Con. Healey, labor,	$10.50
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00
Week ending October 5.	
James Casey, labor,	$12.00
Con. Healey, labor,	10.50
James P. O'Connor, labor and material,	11.15
Week ending October 12.	
Con. Harrington, labor,	$9.00

Con. Healey, labor,	8.75	
James Casey, labor,	9.00	
Week ending October 19.		
James Casey, labor,	$12.00	
Con. Healey, labor,	12.00	
Week ending October 26.		
Con. Healey, labor,	$10.00	
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00	
Patrick Murphy, labor,	7.50	
Week ending November 2.		
Richard, labor and stock,	$7.30	
R. B. Francis, grate and ring,	3.50	
Week ending December 7.		
James T. Sullivan, labor,	$2.00	
Standard Soda Co., labor, team,	2.00	
Palmer Grain Co., cement,	.78	
Week ending December 14.		
Con. Healey, labor,	$21.00	
James T. Sullivan, labor,	6.00	
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	12.00	
George Dunn, labor,	12.00	
Week ending December 21.		
Patrick Cavanaugh, labor,	$11.00	
James Daily, labor,	10.00	
Week ending December 28.		
James T. Sullivan, labor,	$9.00	
Week ending February 15, 1913.		
S. W. Lawrence, labor and material,	$4.83	
		$1,014.54
Paid treasurer for sewer connection and labor,		31.00
Sold 490 brick,		14.70

ASH WALKS.

Appropriation,	$500.00
Appropriation, Bondsville,	100.00

Week ending May 4.		
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	$10.00	
S. J. Jorzake, labor, team,	10.00	
Walter Jacumskt, labor, team,	10.00	
John Jacumskt, labor, team,	10.00	
George Reily, labor,	1.53	
Charles Dunn, labor,	4.16	
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	3.19	
George Bachard, labor,	4.16	
Richard Thomas, labor,	3.75	
M. Koss, labor,	4.38	
Joe Carmody, labor,	3.50	
George Fitzpatrick, labor,	4.38	
T. D. Potter, lumber,	39.08	
Walter Jacumskt, labor,	15.00	
		$108.51
Appropriation, Three Rivers,		$200.00
Week ending June 29.		
S. A. Ramsden, labor and team,	$4.00	
John Furkey, labor and team,	3.50	
Amos Bondsville, labor,	1.75	
Joseph Bushman, labor,	3.50	
Alfred Goodreau, labor, team,	4.00	
James Crean, labor,	2.00	
Con. Healey, labor,	3.50	
John Crean, labor,	1.75	
George Reily,	3.50	
Week ending July 6.		
Con. Healey, labor,	$5.25	
Jerry Downey, labor,	6.00	
James Crean, labor,	2.00	
George Reily, labor,	8.75	
J. W. Loftus, labor, team,	1.75	
James Casey, labor,	6.00	
Week ending July 13.		
George Reily, labor,	$7.00	

James Casey, labor,	12.00	
Jerry Downey, labor,	1.00	
Con. Healey, labor,	.88	
Week ending July 20.		
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	$1.35	
James Casey, labor,	11.00	
Week ending July 27.		
James Casey, labor,	$2.00	
Joseph Bushman, labor,	1.75	
Alex Herran, labor,	1.50	
F. K. Twiss, labor, team,	4.50	
Week ending August 10.		
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	$7.63	
Palmer Mill Co., supplies,	.66	
Week ending November 9.		
F. E. Higgins, labor, team,	$21.00	
Jerry Downey, labor,	4.87	
Week ending November 23.		
F. E. Higgins, labor, team,	$41.50	
Jerry Downey, labor,	18.50	
Week ending December 7.		
F. E. Higgins, labor, team,	$29.00	
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Week ending May 18.		
William Roman, labor, team,	$18.00	
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	20.00	
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00	
John Furkey, labor,	9.63	
George Reily, labor,	7.88	
Week ending June 1.		
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	$20.00	
L. A. Ramsden, labor, team,	9.00	
Michael Slattery, labor, team,	9.00	
Joseph Bushman, labor,	3.50	
John Crean, labor,	5.25	
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00	

George Reily,	5.25	
Con. Healey,	5.25	
Week ending August 31.		
L. A. Ramsden, labor, team,	$4.00	
James T. Sullivan, labor,	1.75	
Dave Fitzgerald, labor,	1.50	
Patrick Sullivan, labor,	1.75	
Week ending September 7.		
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	$13.50	
James Casey, labor,	6.00	
John Furkey, labor,	5.25	
Con. Healey, labor,	3.50	
		$168.01
Total,		$499.91

BRIDGES.

Appropriation,		$1,200.00
Week ending April 27.		
William Nephew, labor,	$5.25	
Marcy Lumber Co., lumber,	151.02	
F. J. Hamilton, plank,	75.00	
Week ending May 4.		
Teddy Munice, labor,	$19.50	
Ducy & Keir, supplies,	2.75	
Week ending May 18.		
F. J. Hamilton, plank,	$38.85	
Week ending May 25.		
John Furkey, labor,	$10.50	
Con. Healey, labor,	7.00	
J. W. Loftus, labor, team,	3.50	
George Corry, labor,	3.50	
William Nephew, labor,	3.50	
F. J. Hamilton, plank,	31.20	
Week ending June 1.		
George Corry, labor,	$5.25	
William Nephew, labor,	5.25	

John Furkey, labor,	11.38
J. W. Loftus, labor, team,	2.00
Sullivan & Sons, plank,	26.10
M. Lawlor & Co., supplies,	1.80
Week ending June 8.	
Marcy Lumber Co., lumber,	$291.91
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	12.52
C. N. Ellithorpe & Son, labor and men,	193.12
F. J. Hamilton, plank,	30.00
Week ending June 22.	
Marcy Lumber Co., lumber,	$93.43
Week ending June 29.	
C. N. Ellithorpe & Son, labor, men, and material,	$221.32
T. D. Potter, lumber,	5.40
Week ending July 6.	
L. S. Calkins, labor and stock,	$36.00
Week ending July 13.	
Palmer Mill Co., supplies,	$2.17
Week ending August 24.	
James Casey, labor,	$14.00
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	2.25
Week ending September 21.	
Jerry Downey, labor,	$3.00
Week ending October 5.	
J. M. Allen, plank, labor and team,	$26.60
Week ending October 12.	
C. N. Ellithorpe & Son, labor and supplies,	$19.60
Week ending October 26.	
George Smith, labor,	$18.00
Week ending November 2.	
T. D. Potter, plank,	$25.84
Jerry Downey, labor,	6.00

George Smith, labor,	10.00	
Week ending February 15, 1913.		
Town of Monson, to repairing the Fay bridge,	$40.02	
		$1,454.53
Town of Monson to Town of Palmer to repairs on Blanchardville bridge,	$489.00	

REPAIR OF TAR WALKS.

Appropriation,		$1,000.00
Week ending August 10.		
P. J. Nelligan & Co., repairs,	$161.12	
Week ending August 24.		
P. J. Nelligan & Co., repairs,	$368.15	
Week ending September 7.		
P. J. Nelligan & Co., repairs,	$171.60	
Week ending September 14.		
P. J. Nelligan & Co., repairs,	$225.28	
J. W. Rochford, repairs,	11.55	
H. D. Converse, labor, team,	2.25	
Con. Harrington, labor,	9.00	
Week ending September 21.		
J. W. Rochford, repairs,	$1.51	
		$950.46
Appropriation, railings,		$250.00
Week ending June 29.		
Arthur Moore, 8 rods and repairs,	$8.88	
Week ending August 3.		
E. W. Phinney, labor and material,	$9.75	
William J. Foley, 18 rods,	18.00	
Week ending October 19.		
W. B. Kerrigan, repairs,	$20.40	
George Smith, repairs,	1.50	

John Gay, repairs,	1.00	
Week ending October 26.		
James T. Sullivan, labor,	$5.25	
Walter Jacumskt, labor, lumber,	7.10	
T. D. Potter, lumber,	6.40	
Week ending November 9.		
Thorndike Company, supplies,	$2.25	
Week ending December 14.		
Dominic Motyka, labor and material,	$7.60	
George Motyka, labor,	1.10	
Felix Priga, labor,	1.10	
Week ending December 21.		
C. N. Ellithorpe & Son, labor and material,	$23.41	
Week ending January 18.		
W. B. Kerrigan, labor and material,	$37.68	
Week ending January 25.		
E. W. Phinney, labor,	$3.75	
John Foster, labor,	2.50	
		$157.67
Appropriation, to repair macadam road,		$500.00
Week ending May 11.		
John Furkey, labor,	$8.75	
J. J. Daily, labor, team,	16.00	
Alfred Goodreau, labor, team,	12.00	
John Crean, labor,	8.75	
Con. Healey, labor,	8.75	
Week ending September 7.		
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	$9.00	
James Casey, labor,	4.00	
John Furkey, labor,	1.75	
Week ending September 14.		
R. W. MacMillan, repair of auto car,	$28.82	

Week ending November 23.		
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	$9.00	
John Roman, labor,	7.00	
Thorndike Grain Co., supplies,	2.00	
Harold L. Bond, tar kettle,	100.00	
Week ending December 7.		
P. M. Shearer, labor, team,	$11.25	
John Cahell, labor,	6.00	
C. J. Leary, labor,	12.00	
Week ending December 14.		
P. M. Shearer, labor, team,	$24.75	
James Casey, labor,	12.00	
John Cahell, labor,	12.00	
C. J. Leary, labor,	12.00	
James Daily, labor,	4.00	
Sullivan & Sons, labor, team,	9.00	
Week ending December 21.		
P. M. Shearer, labor, team,	$22.50	
Con. Healey, labor,	10.00	
C. J. Leary, labor,	12.00	
John Cahell, labor,	10.00	
A. A. Warriner, gravel,	16.05	
William M. Sullivan, gravel,	2.70	
Week ending January 25, 1913.		
Massachusetts Highway Commission, resurfacing and oiling a portion of North Main street,	$100.00	
		$492.07

INVENTORY OF TOOLS.

3 Road scrapers.	3 Bars.
3 Plows.	1 Spade.
5 Picks.	1 Street cart.
1 Trowel.	2 Guards.

3 Hammer handles.	1 Barrel road oil.
17 Shovels.	1 Mortar hoe.
2 Striking hammers.	4 Iron rakes.
1 Brick hammer.	3 Brushes.
1 Tamper.	100 Feet hemp rope.
2 Forks.	200 Feet lumber.
6 Plug drills.	300 Feet coupling and rods.
8 feet of steel.	4 Screens.
2 Water pails.	1 Conduit scoop.
2 Oil cans.	1 Conduit wire brush.
1 Tar kettle.	1 Gouge for sewer cleaning.
6 Lanterns.	6 Signs.
2 Wheelbarrows.	300 Feet spruce.
2 Brush scythes and snaths.	

I would recommend the following appropriations:

REPAIRS.

Macadam road,	$500.00
Highways,	6,000.00
Sewers and culverts,	1,000.00
Bridges,	1,200.00
Sidewalks,	1,000.00
Ash walks,	500.00
Railings,	250.00

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL McKELLIGET,

Highway Surveyor.

Cemetery Commissioner's Report

In submitting their annual report, the Cemetery Commissioners would call attention to the improvements in the cemeteries made during the past year and to the needs of the year to come.

The old burial ground, at Palmer Center, has been surrounded with a new fence, made necessary by the destruction of the old one.

The stones in this plot need resetting, and it is the intention of the Board to have this done in the near future, and also to have the lot regraded. There is a considerable area in this cemetery, at present unoccupied, that the Board believe can be utilized for burial purposes.

At Oak Knoll Cemtery, the hillside has been cleared and seeded and the stone gutter extended. There is a demand in this tract for more cheap lots, and some changes must be made to provide these, either by a subdivision of those already surveyed or by a new layout.

A portion of the fence in the rear of this area is in need of repair, and must soon be given attention. Both at Oak Knoll and Four Corners, new front fences are needed. As the earnings of the cemeteries are a part of the appropriation for their care, prompt remittances for work done are especially appreciated. When the improvements as planned by the landscape architect and voted by the town are completed, the work of maintenance can be carried on without further aid from the town.

Appropriation, 1912, from treasury, $696.20

Appropriation, 1912, earnings,		991.62
Sale of lots, Oak Knoll,		314.00
Sale of lots, Four Corners,		64.00
		$2,065.82
Paid for labor, orders drawn,		$1,465.57
Paid George E. Clough, sale of lots,		378.00
Balance in treasury,		222.25
Received from earnings,		991.62
Received from lots,		378.00
		$1,369.62
Paid George E. Clough, earnings,		$991.62
Paid George E. Clough, lots,		378.00
		$1,369.62

BILLS RECEIVABLE.

George H. Damon, lot, 1909,	$8.00	
William Mason, single grave,	1.00	
		$9.00
George H. Damon, opening grave,	$3.00	
William Mason, opening grave,	3.00	
		6.00
*Mrs. F. W. Harrison, care,	$2.00	
A. F. Warren, care,	2.00	
Harry Bond, care, 1909,	3.00	
		7.00
W. H. MacLean, on account foundations,	$60.75	
		60.75
		$82.75

*Paid after the closing of the books.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation, 1912,		$696.20
Appropriation, earnings.		
Opening graves,	$266.00	
Trimming graves,	39.00	
Building foundations,	123.89	
Care private lots,	215.25	
Grading lots,	7.75	
Perpetual care funds,	339.73	
		$991.62
Sale of lots.		
Mrs. G. W. Collis,	$24.00	
E. E. Ryther,	50.00	
William Stacy,	8.00	
Nellie Sizer,	12.00	
Bertha Bowie,	8.00	
R. E. Faulkner,	25.00	
W. C. Hitchcock,	24.00	
Charles E. Bradley,	24.00	
H. A. Stimson,	50.00	
Mrs. Ira F. Brown,	12.00	
Joseph F. Gerald,	8.00	
James H. Trickett,	8.00	
George E. Rycroft,	8.00	
Emily F. Rice,	24.00	
Lizzie E. Fletcher,	8.00	
Garfield Johnson,	8.00	
F. D. Thompson,	24.00	
William Vennert,	8.00	
Arthur Cummings,	8.00	
Louise Jackson,	8.00	
Walter Burford,	11.00	
Single graves,	18.00	
		378.00
		$2,065.82

EXPENDITURES.

Palmer Water Co.,	$6.93	
K. Lawler, water,	3.00	
S. H. Wright, sharpening mowers,	4.25	
E. Brown Co., supplies,	114.17	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, supplies,	54.27	
S. H. Hellyar, supplies,	2.66	
Marcy Lumber Co., supplies,	5.35	
J. S. Knox & Co., plants,	10.50	
A. N. Coney, posts,	42.50	
D. L. Bodfish, postage,	5.56	
		$249.19
Palmer Trucking Co., labor with team,	1.41	
C. J. Kenyon, labor with team,	50.50	
S. H. Brown, labor with team,	31.70	
		83.61
T. A. Harwood, labor,	$3.50	
Ralph Dasco, labor,	8.75	
Harry Keith, labor,	10.29	
George Roby, labor,	11.00	
William King, labor,	12.45	
T. Sullivan, labor,	15.96	
Cornelius J. Leary, labor,	33.46	
John Pietzuski, labor,	246.77	
Freeman B. Ramsden, labor,	347.85	
Warren M. Trumble, labor,	442.74	
		1,132.77
George E. Clough, lots,		378.00
Balance in treasury,		222.25
		$2,065.82

Perpetual Care Fund.	Amount.	Present Condition.
Louisa Waid,	$200.00	$230.83
John A. Squier,	100.00	104.32
Waterman Fuller,	200.00	222.28
John and Lucy Smith,	200.00	210.25

John H. Haynes,	200.00	222.83
W. A. Breckenridge,	200.00	206.83
Laura E. Child,	500.00	517.17
Henry Seism,	100.00	105.32
Jane A. Gibson,	100.00	107.61
Calista E. Hendricks,	100.00	106.69
Keyes Foster,	100.00	104.39
James W. Snow,	100.00	103.11
A. W. Green,	200.00	218.25
Pliney Cooley,	50.00	51.29
H. G. Loomis,	200.00	216.96
Maria Lawrence,	500.00	521.75
William Holbrook,	200.00	203.78
Torrey Fund,	100.00	105.90
E. B. Gates,	50.00	51.99
Franklin Blanchard,	100.00	104.32
Minnie K. Bennett,	200.00	208.78
Mary A. Shaw,	100.00	103.32
Amos O. Allen,	100.00	103.97
Harriet Coolidge,	200.00	220.96
Mrs. L. W. Brown,	200.00	223.02
Eliza J. Kenerson,	200.00	208.05
William Merriam,	200.00	213.63
Mary Redding,	50.00	51.00
D. S. Davis,	200.00	210.89
Ambrose M. Andrews,	200.00	211.00
Marshall Andrews,	200.00	217.00
Enos Calkins,	100.00	104.00
Samuel C. Rogers,	200.00	216.00
Willard G. Kenerson,	100.00	103.00
Maria B. Chapman,	200.00	214.00
Maria B. Chapman (Barker),	100.00	105.00
Julia H. Henry,	100.00	103.00
Isaac Kenerson,	150.00	155.00
Abel H. Calkins,	100.00	103.00
Edward C. Sexton,	100.00	103.00
Henry A. Moore,	100.00	103.00

J. S. Koster,	100.00	103.00
Melissa Hall,	150.00	153.00
Jeremiah Long,	1,000.00	1,020.00
Mary J. Plympton,	100.00	103.00
Clymena P. Fuller,	150.00	154.00
Abigail T. Nichols,	50.00	51.00
Mary Hastings,	100.00	103.00
Orren B. Smith,	200.00	205.00
Orren B. Smith (T. B. Smith lot),	100.00	103.00
Laura P. Green,	100.00	103.00
J. H. Kenerson,	100.00	102.00
William Harvey,	150.00	154.00
Alden L. Fletcher,	60.00	63.20
Carrie A. Kurtz,	100.00	104.00
Ralph Green,	200.00	210.00
Minerva R. Olds,	100.00	102.00
Meriva L. Capen,	100.00	102.00
Otis C. Lyon,	100.00	102.00
Hitchcock-Graves,	100.00	102.00
Minerva M. Gates,	200.00	205.00
Rogers-Paine,	100.00	102.00
Elizabeth D. Moore,	100.00	102.00
Mary E. Bailey,	100.00	102.00
M. M. Rogers,	100.00	102.00
Nellie S. Hooker,	75.00	75.75
Ethan Warriner,	100.00	100.00
Lizzie E. Fletcher,	100.00	100.00
Andrew Pinney,	100.00	137.08
	$10,635.00	$11,153.52
Gain in perpetual care fund,		575.00
Cemetery interest fund, January 1, 1912,	$159.50	
Gain,	28.72	
Present condition,		$188.22

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY IN CEMETERIES.

Toolhouse, Palmer, Oak Knoll,			$75.00
Toolhouse, Four Corners,			50.00
Tools,			50.00
Unsold lots at market price:			
Four Corners.			
174 at	$8.00		$1,392.00
Oak Knoll.			
2 at	60.00	$120.00	
9 at	50.00	450.00	
2 at	40.00	80.00	
14 at	30.00	420.00	
73 at	24.00	1,752.00	
24 at	25.00	600.00	
17 at	20.00	340.00	
4 at	10.00	40.00	
1 tract not laid out estimated to contain 75 lots at	24.00	1,800.00	5,602.00
			$7,169.00

DAVID L. BODFISH,
SAMUEL M. PHILLIPS,
Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of Overseers of the Poor

The Overseers submit the following report for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1913:

During the year the Board lost the services of two of its members by death. Mr. Crowley died July 28, 1912, and Mr. Bishop on October 28, 1912. The town mourns the loss of both men, who gave long and faithful service to the town in the discharge of their duties in this department. The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Crowley was filled by the appointment of Patrick J. Fitzgerald. The vacancy resulting from the death of Mr. Bishop was left unfilled.

The year was marked by an increase in the demands for aid, and the consequent increase in the duties of the members of the Board. After the payment of all bills payable at the end of the year there remained to the credit of the department the unexpended balance of $1,058.40.

We would recommend for the coming year:

Salaries of the Overseers of Poor,	$430.00
Support of poor,	10,000.00
Contingent fund,	500.00

RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

Balance on hand, February 15, 1912,		$72.96
Sale of		
Butter,		261.32
Eggs,		18.61
Calves,		78.50
Hog,		25.00
Potatoes,		354.00

Vegetables,	64.36	
Hides,	8.90	
Cow and calf,	75.00	
Use of telephone,	.25	
Board of Wilton Taft,	180.00	
		$1,138.90

PAID OUT BY WARDEN.

George E. Clough, Treasurer,	$914.38	
Labor in house,	98.73	
Clipping,	4.00	
Gasolene flatiron,	3.60	
Household utensils,	3.30	
Calves,	26.00	
Sow and pigs,	25.00	
Cider making,	1.39	
Sawing,	1.75	
Carfares,	2.10	
Disinfectants and soap,	20.50	
Barber,	2.10	
Food, fruit and fish,	19.05	
Clothing,	8.50	
Sawdust,	3.00	
Stock services,	6.00	
		$1,138.90

There is due for the board of Bridget McGowen, $39.00

COST OF MAINTAINING TOWN FARM.

Orders drawn on Town Farm account,	$3,860.69	
Paid from Town Farm receipts,	224.52	
Gross expenses at Town Farm,		$4,085.21
Income at Town Farm,		1,138.90
Net cost at Town Farm,		$2,946.31
Number registered during year,		20

Average,	13+
Males, 18; females, 2.	
Number of weeks, inmates,	677+
Cost per week for inmates,	$4.35+
Deaths, 4 males, 1 female.	

INVENTORY TOWN FARM.

Stock,	$1,221.25	
Hay and grain,	435.00	
Wood, coal and lumber,	324.25	
Vegetables,	278.00	
Wagons and tools,	596.20	
Furniture and fixtures,	985.80	
Clothing and supplies,	30.75	
Food supplies,	156.99	
Drugs and medicine,	17.80	
Table ware and crockery,	136.14	
		$4,182.18
Inventory, 1912,	$4,276.74	
Inventory, 1913,	4,182.18	
Decrease,		$94.56

OUTSIDE POOR EXPENSE.

Town of Palmer,	$4,521.21	
Norton,	223.49	
Warren,	173.60	
Ware,	106.00	
City of Worcester,	153.85	
Springfield,	83.30	
Norton,	1.00	
State,	318.46	
		$5,580.91

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation for support of poor,	$1,000.00

Contingencies,	500.00	
Expended,	———	$10,500.00
Orders drawn on Town Farm account,	$3,860.69	
Orders drawn for outside poor,	5,580.91	
Balance,	———	$9,441.60
		$1,058.40

BILLS DUE THE TOWN.

Norton old bills, $850.79 and $223.49,	$1,074.28
Winchendon,	10.00
Ware,	106.00
Worcester,	153.85
Springfield,	83.30
Taunton,	1.00

FRANCIS J. HAMILTON,
PATRICK J. FITZGERALD,
Overseers of the Poor.

Expenses per Month at Town Farm.

	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Total
Salaries . . .	87 51	60 42	60 42	60 42	60 41	60 41	60 41	60 41	60 41	60 42	90 41	721 65
Labor and Material	9 05	16 51	44 67		13 20	2		83 70		11 25	8 69	189 07
Groceries . . .	151 68	94 65	97 75	66 68	85 18	95 14	11 95	127 47	43 44	55 41	83 75	913 10
Meat	40 98	27 56	26 33	20 43	18 49	13 22		39 17	30 38	33 68	10 79	261 03
Clothing, Furniture		32 70			8 25	30 90	3 60	2 25		1 50	37 49	116 69
Medicine, Doctor	15 15	1 35	2 35		2 75	3 70		5 45	5 85		29 40	66
Tobacco, Sundries	5 50	6 65	8 80			6 65		10 05		6 65	4 80	49 10
Grain	86 75	203 97	41 60	29 22	39 40		89 65	53 35	35 36	46 59	126 86	752 75
Hardware . . .	89 58	36 16	20 65	2 30		8 70	5 10		8 47	25 38	14 78	211 12
Fuel	102 94								83 01	91 17		277 12
Lights	9 95	2 52	18 61		2 91	8 26	3	17 75		12 55	13	88 55
Telephone . .	1 80	4 78	2 89	2 44	2 44		2 59	6 04	2 24	1 99	2 30	29 51
Burials . . .			25	3		46						74
Insurance . . .	60				51							111
	660 89	487 27	349 07	184 49	284 03	274 98	176 30	405 64	269 16	346 59	422 27	3860 69

Expenses per Month for Out-Side Poor—Town, State—Other Towns and Cities.

	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Total
Provisions . .	503 17	286 10	268 74	301 03	322 67	193 90	225 62	584 60	245 65	203 35	773 58	3908 41
Rent	72	34 50	30	58	45 25	30 50	35 75	67 75	26 75	43	37 10	480 60
Cash	71 76	28 76	33	45 24	33	21	21	21	21	21	21	337 76
Burials		8			15						54 25	77 25
Telephones . .	6 63	2 84	5 28	5 56	4 74		3 50	6 36	2 37	1 37	1 77	40 42
Fuel	39 85	48 63		15 05	2 75			8 40	21 50		33 85	170 03
Clothing and Shoes		7 65	11 25		9 50		2				16 55	46 95
Doc't, Sal'y, Med'e	8	32	21 43		8		49 75		22		39 20	180 38
Hospitals . . .		48	50		58		21	15				192
Transportation .					15	13 60		5				33 60
Miscellaneous .		15			1	1 75		62 04	2 75	10 62	20 35	113 51
	701 41	511 48	419 70	424 88	514 91	260 75	358 62	770 15	342 02	279 34	997 65	5580 91

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1913.

This department has tested, sealed, corrected or condemned the following:

Platform scales weighing over 5,000 pounds,	10
Platform scales weighing under 5,000 pounds, adjusted 2,	109
Computing scales, condemned 1,	37
All other scales, condemned 3, adjusted 6,	184
Weights, adjusted 6,	700
Self measuring pumps for oil, etc.,	40
Dry measures,	30
Liquid measures,	189
Linear measures,	35
Milk bottles, condemned 1,	33
Total scales, weights, measures, etc., condemned 5, adjusted 14,	
	1,363
Reweighing of coal,	15
Special inspection of scales,	20
Receipts of office,	$85.46
Expense of office,	16.07
Balance paid town treasurer,	$69.39

EDWARD P. BROWN,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

February 15, 1913.

Report of Milk Inspector

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1913.

I have inspected sixty-four (64) places where milk is produced, kept or sold.

Special inspection of milk wagons and places where milk is sold thirteen (13).

Number of milk licenses issued fifty (50).

Fees received for the same,	$25.00	
Fees received for registering oleomargarine license,	2.50	
Paid town treasurer,		$27.50
Expense and salary,		37.53

EDWARD P. BROWN,
Milk Inspector.

February 15, 1913.

Report of the Board of License Commissioners

To the Voters of the Town of Palmer:

To the board of license commissioners organized March 28, 1912, electing John W. Fay as chairman, Horace R. Paine as clerk, at a meeting held April 16. It was voted that all license fees should remain the same as last year. The number of applications received were: first class, ten; fourth class, thirteen; sixth class, five. The board met later and granted seven first class, five fourth class and five sixth class during the year. The board has granted fifteen common victualer's, eleven Sunday and four innholder's licenses. The bills incurred by the board for the year past amount to four dollars. The board has held seven meetings.

JOHN W. FAY,
HORACE R. PAINE,
HARRY HALEY.

Report of the Board of Health

February 25, 1913.

Board of Health, Palmer, Mass.

Dear Sirs: I hand you herewith the report of the bacteriological tests submitted to me during the year ending February 25, 1913.

A total of forty-one cases were submitted for the examination for diphtheria bacilli, which is considerably less than during the year 1911. All but four of the cases were submitted for diagnosis, and of these twenty-eight were positive and nineteen negative. The total number of cultures examined is exactly the same as last year, namely one hundred and fifty-three, and this is due to the fact that many of the positive cases remained positive for a long time after the disappearance of symptoms and a large number of cultures were taken from certain of the cases before two successive negatives could be obtained. In one case fourteen cultures were examined before the case was finally released.

During the year the laboratory has discarded the wooden boxes to be sent by express and has supplied mailing cases, which we consider the best method of submitting swabs.

The following table shows the work done month by month:

Table No. 1.

Showing number of contagious and infectious diseases reported to the Board from January 1, 1912, to January 1, 1913.

	Jan. '12	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Diphtheria and Croup,	1	1		1	1				1	11	1	4	21
Scarlet Fever,													
Measles,				16		1							17
Anterior Poliomyelitis,								1					1
Typhoid Fever,						2							2
Tuberculosis,							1		1				2
Whooping Cough,													
Erysipelas,													
Totals,	1	1		17	1	3	1	1	2	11	1	4	43

Table No. 2.

Number of deaths reported to the Board from January 1, 1912, to January 1, 1913:

March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan	Feb.
13	8	19	9	18	14	11	14	10	14	11	9

Total, 150.

Burial permits, issued by the Board,	150
Undertakers' licenses, issued by the Board,	4
Slaughter house licenses, issued by the Board,	2

TABLE NO. 3.

Ages at death of persons dying in Palmer from January 1, 1912, to January 1, 1913:

Ages.	Totals.	Males.	Females.
Less than 1 year,	48	31	17
1 to 2 years,	8	2	6
2 to 3 years,	4	3	1
3 to 4 years,			
4 to 5 years,			
5 to 10 years,	4	3	1
10 to 15 years,	1		1
15 to 20 years,	1	1	0
20 to 30 years,	5	2	3
30 to 40 years,	5	3	2
40 to 50 years,	12	7	5
50 to 60 years,	11	5	6
60 to 70 years,	13	8	5
70 to 80 years,	18	11	7
80 to 90 years,	10	4	6
90 to 100 years,			
Still births,	10		10
Totals	150	79	61

DR. JACOB P. SCHNEIDER,
DR. SAMUEL O. MILLER,
DR. HARRY C. CHENEY,
Board of Health.

The Board of Health of the Town of Palmer respectfully submits the following report:

The number of cases of contagious diseases reported since our last report has been less than in any year since 1906. The following tables show them as reported:

There were but three cases of tuberculosis reported during the year, but fifteen deaths were reported during the same period. The law requires cases of tuberculosis to be reported the same as other contagions diseases, and the Board wishes

to call the attention of physicians and householders to this fact.

We would suggest that householders make an effort to keep their premises free from garbage and rubbish, as these sources of filth have much to do with the drawing of flies and much infection is transmitted in this way.

Spitting upon the sidewalks or in other public places is also a source of danger which should be avoided.

There were a number of nuisances reported during the year which received the attention of the Board.

We have been obliged to pay considerable money to other towns during the year for the support and maintenance of people suffering with contagions diseases who have gained a settlement in this town but have moved to other towns.

The Board recommends to the voters careful consideration of the "Tenement House Act," so-called, which was enacted by the Legislature of 1912, and recommends an appropriation of $1,000 for the use of the Board in addition to the salaries.

J. P. SCHNEIDER,
H. C. CHENEY,
S. O. MILLER.

Months	Diagnosis Positive	Diagnosis Negative	Release Positive	Release Negative	Total Cases	Total Cultures
March, 1912,	0	2	0	2	4	4
April,	1				1	6
May						
June,	1	1			2	4
July						
August,	1				1	3
September,	1	5			6	8
October,	13	2			15	21
November,	4	5		2	11	55
December,	5	2			7	37
January, 1913,		2			2	11
February,	2				2	4
Totals,	28	19		4	51	153

Total cases examined, . . 51.
Total cultures examined, . . 153.

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT EMERSON,
Bacteriologist.

Springfield, Mass., February 25, 1913.

MEAT INSPECTION.

	Beef	Con.	Veal	Cond.	Hogs	Cond.
Feb., 1912	29	2	13	0	27	0
Mar.	33	0	10	0	26	0
April	23	0	19	0	29	0
May	13	0	19	1	33	11
June	29	0	24	4	14	5
July	52	0	58	1	6	0
Aug.	42	0	52	1	14	0
Sept.	39	1	30	1	12	0
Oct.	52	1	29	1	14	0
Nov.	68	2	21	0	39	0
Dec.	90	1	18	0	58	2
Jan. 1913	62	0	27	1	22	0
	532	7	320	10	294	18

CHARLES H. KEITH,
Inspector.

Assessors' Report

The Board of Assessors respectfully present the following report. One member of this Board, Harry T. Bishop, died on October 28, having served the Town as Assessor for twenty-four years.

State tax,	$7,687.50	
State highway tax,	496.00	
County tax,	4,497.29	
Maturing town bonds,	7,600.00	
Town tax,	84,359.48	
Interest,	5,000.00	
Main street paving note,	2,500.00	
Overlay,	2,804.83	
		$114,945.10
Estimated receipts,	$22,980.00	
Liquor license fees,	7,803.75	
		30,783.75
Amount to be raised,		$84,161.35
Non-resident bank tax,		833.12
Amount of warrant,		$84,994.47
Taxes since added,		177.57
Street railway excise tax,		3,417.59
		$88,589.63
Abatement to the collector, tax of 1911,		$18.86
Abatement to the collector, tax of 1912,		1,068.21

CAUSES FOR POLL TAX ABATEMENTS.

Left town,	353
Poor,	8
Dead,	3
Paid elsewhere,	9
Errors,	3
Old soldiers,	2

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Personal estate,	$1,532,457.00	
Resident bank stock,	49,200.00	
		$1,581,657.00
Buildings,	$2,339,200.00	
Land,	914,333.00	
		3,253,533.00
Total valuation,		$4,835,190.00
Tax rate $16.40 per $1,000.00.		
Number of horses assessed,		464
Cows,		610
Sheep,		1
Neat cattle,		146
Swine,		80
Dwellings,		1,090
Acres of land,		18,563
Fowls,		1,834

ROY E. CUMMINGS,
JOHN O. HAMILTON,
Assessors.

PALMER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

Appropriations,	$5,698.00
Less amount on hand,	465.22
	$5,232.78

Overlay,	164.73
	$5,397.51
Taxes since added,	25.93
	$5,423.44

VALUATION.

Personal,	$520,888.00	
Real estate,	1,554,999.00	
		$2,075,887.00

Tax rate $2.60 per $1,000.00.

ROY E. CUMMINGS,
JOHN O. HAMILTON,
Assessors.

THREE RIVERS FIRE DISTRICT.

Appropriations,	$1,600.00	
Overlay,	199.69	
		$1,799.69

VALUATION.

Personal,	$35,038.00	
Real estate,	292,097.00	
		$327,135.00

Tax rate $5.50 per $1,000.00.

ROY E. CUMMINGS,
JOHN O. HAMILTON,
Assessors.

Young Men's Library Association

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1913.

To the Members of the Young Men's Library Association:

INTRODUCTION

I herewith submit my second annual report as Librarian of your association. I have served in this capacity for a period of fourteen months.

In reporting last year to you, I was seriously handicapped in that my connection with it extended over a period of about two months. I have now had one full year of experience; consequently, I feel that I am in a position to speak much more intelligently and specifically relative to the work, the outlook, and the needs of your library. In this brief report. I shall endeavor to deal with these needs concisely, yet fully.

STATISTICS

In the first place, I will speak of the work which the library has done during the past year, quoting, where necessary, certain statistical information.

During the last year the circulation his increased remarkably. The circulation for the year ending March 1, 1912, was 20,044. This year's circulation was 26,007. This is an increase of 5,963, or a percentage of increase of 29¾ per cent. Last year, our increase over the previous year was ten per cent. When we started at the beginning of this year, we had fond hopes of increasing our circulation twenty-five per cent. We have more than realized our anticipations. I consider

that this increase in circulation falls but little short of being remarkable.

Last April we opened up our stack room to the public. The stacks were rearranged so that the best possible light could be secured. Ample provision was made for lighting the room well at night. Linoleum was placed upon the hard concrete floor of the stack room. Many other improvements were made, which surely must have had some influence in the way of inviting more generous use of our library by the citizens of the town. In addition to this, much recent fiction of good standard quality has been secured. Last year, some 549 books were purchased; this year, 638 books have been purchased, an increase of about twenty per cent.

Much time and attention have been given to the selection of these books by the Librarian, Assistant Librarian, and the Board of Directors. It has been our purpose to use the money appropriated by the town to the best possible advantage of the library patrons. We believe in supplying our readers with what they wish to read, provided the moral and literary tone of these books is of sufficient strength.

In my opinion there have been two reasons for the large increase in circulation which has taken place this past year: one is the opening of the stack room, allowing the user plenty of freedom in the selection of his book; the other is the large amount of modern fiction which has been purchased within the past year and a half. In other words, this increase in circulation is due to the fact that the present Board of Directors have endeavored to modernized the library in so far as their finances would allow. If we wish to maintain this increase in circulation yearly, we must continue to meet and anticipate the needs of the library users.

The past year, 22,139 fiction books were in circulation and 3,868 non-fiction books were circulated. There is one feature of these last statistics to which I would like to call your attention. The number of non-fiction books in circulation, 3,868, is an increase of 439 over that of last year, and 252 more than the year preceding last year. This seems to

indicate that, although we are supplying more fiction, we are not discouraging the use of non-fiction books. The number of books on hand March 1, 1913, was 9,179, an increase of 658 over the number at the same time last year. This means that we have increased the number of books in the possession of the library by about eight per cent.

CHANGES

An almost complete change in our library has taken place along several lines. In the first place, the policy of the library has been changed to some extent in the kind of reading matter purchased. More attention has been given to supplying good standard present-day fiction. Then, again, a marked change has taken place in giving our patrons more freedom and latitude in selecting their own books. The stack room has been changed in appearance from a dingy to a bright, airy, pleasant room. It is a real pleasure to step into it at night, when it is well lighted, to simply look around. Such a cheerful room cannot help but have its effect upon the users.

At the present time, all of the books in the library are being catalogued by an expert cataloguer whom we have hired through the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts. When this cataloguing is perfected, it will be a simple matter to find any book in the library either by its title or by the name of its author. It is impossible, without such cataloguing, for any person or persons to keep "track" of some 9,000 books and be able to place their hand upon the same when wanted. New card pockets and cards have been ordered for all of our books. When the cataloguing has been finished and the card pockets have been attached to each book, our library will be upon as up-to-date a plan as any of the smaller libraries in the state.

EXTENSION CENTERS

During the past year, the Librarian has established extension centers in the Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville schools. Forty books, carefully selected and suited to the age and grade of the pupils have been placed in each of these schools. These books have been placed in the rooms containing grades four to nine,

inclusive. A simple scheme has been worked out to take care of these books, all of the work being done by the girls of the eighth and ninth grades. There has been a constant use of these books by the children within the short period that has expired since their installation; the total circulation is large. I am unable to state definitely what this circulation has been, but I know that it has amounted to several hundred. This circulation, not having been obtained by me, has not been added to our total circulation for the year. If it had been, our total circulation, in my opinion, would have been increased by some six or seven hundred. We expect that we will have to increase the number of books in each school in order to meet the demands that will be made upon us. The pupils certainly welcome this opportunity to secure good books, and the teachers are giving this plan their heartiest support and encouragement.

These books have not been provided the children simply for the means of enjoyment and for the purpose of "killing" their spare time, but rather they have been furnished them in order to create the desire to read good literature. We hardly realize to what extent our reading influences our lives. You can pick out the kind of a man a certain individual is by what he reads as well as by the company he keeps. Our opinions are formed, largely, by what we read. Nearly everything that we peruse either strengthens or modifies our present opinion. We are made better or we are made worse by our reading. We cannot stand still, morally and mentally, if we read. For this reason, we have introduced books into our schools; and then, frankly, we will confess that there is also one other purpose in our mind. That is that we wish to train up the boys and girls to become users of our library or the library in whatever town or city they may reside in later life. These children are the future citizens of our town; they are the future patrons of our library. If your library is to prosper in future years, it is necessary that you take care to train your future citizens at the present time.

When our cataloguing is finished, we intend to open ex-

tension centers in each of the three villages. Some suitable place will be selected in Thorndike, Three Rivers, and Bondsville. A certain number of books will be placed there, so that the same may be more easily accessible to the inhabitants of these villages. We believe that the people of these villages will appreciate this move on the part of the library and we are certain that it will have a very material influence upon the increasing of our circulation. Our ideas relative to the installation of these centers are pretty firmly established in our own minds, and nothing but the unfinished state of our cataloguing prevents the immediate installation.

We are certainly considering experimenting in supplying books printed in Polish for the use of the Polish people of the villages. It is really a difficult matter to secure many books printed in this language; nevertheless, through the Free Public Library Commission, we shall be enabled to secure some. We shall probably, if we adopt the scheme, select some one of the villages in which to try out our plan. Your Librarian has already conferred with one of the mill agents, and feels certain that we will have the co-operation of all the mill agents in carrying out our ideas. We cannot definitely state that this plan will meet with success, but it seems to us that these people, who cannot read our language but who can read their own language, would be very glad of an opportunity to secure books of this character. Probably next year, we will have something definite to report upon our experiment in supplying Polish books to the Polish people.

OUR POLICY

The success of any institution, business or educational, will largely depend upon the policy of its directors. If your directors are extremely conservative, you can look for but little growth. If your directors are extremely progressive, you may wreck your bark upon some unseen reef. If, on the other hand, your directors are progressive, but still have, for a balance wheel, a good sprinkling of conservatism, you may look for great growth. The policy, then, of our library ought to interest the citizens of the town very much; we will attempt

to state the matter as specifically as possible.

In the first place, we believe that the library belongs to the citizens of this town. We believe that we ought to supply them with the sort of reading matter they desire, provided this material is of good standard quality. Furthermore, we believe that the patrons ought to be accorded every privilege in the amount of freedom that they have in the use of our library. We believe that we are simply the directors of this institution and that it is our business to supply every need that our patrons demand. While we shape the policy of the library, to a certain extent, we wish to understand thoroughly the desires and needs of the public, in order that we may guide the library along the lines of greatest usefulness to this community.

We have printed some suggestion slips upon which any patron has an opportunity to make any suggestion relative to the purchase of books or anything else that concerns the use, needs, and shortcomings of our present library. We will gladly welcome such suggestions. Our only criticism is that people do not use these suggestion slips much more freely.

It is our purpose to broaden our extension work in the villages. In doing this, we invite any criticism, constructive or destructive, that will tend to make this work more useful and serviceable to those for whose benefit it will be put into operation. It is our policy in doing this sort of work to make our library serve the needs of every individual in our town.

Our possible work among the Polish people is a still further evidence of our desire to be of use to all of the inhabitants of our town. As can be readily seen, it is our purpose to give to the citizens of the town the widest possible use of the public library. We wish to increase its efficiency in every way possible. Our policy is possibly ambitious, yet it is not too *ambitious* when you consider the needs and peculiar geographical layout of our town.

The policy as outlined above is a policy that will gradually cost more and more money. You cannot expect to maintain your average rate of increase in circulation with-

out supplying more books. An increase in circulation means an increase in library expenses. The establishment of extension centers in the villages will, undoubtedly cost us some money. We will have to pay some one for looking out for the books and also for transportation of the same. There is no question in my mind but that we will need more money; and also there is no question in my mind that we will secure, without a protest, more money, provided we meet the needs of the community as we plan.

CONCLUSION

Another problem that will demand a solution before long will be more room for housing our books. Our present stack room is well filled, and in order that every book may have a permanent home in some stack, it will soon be necessary to provide more room for these stacks. This is a problem that will have to be carefully gone into. At the present time, I am not in a position, because of the lack of definite information, to make any recommendation.

The past year has been a busy one for those connected with our library. We have already given Miss Robinson additional help by hiring a young man for ten hours each week, and we anticipate a still busier and, we trust, more useful year in the one which is now before us. We trust that our endeavors to meet the wishes and needs of the patrons will be appreciated by a still larger use of our library.

Your careful attention is called to the Treasurer's report which is appended to that of the Librarian. Careful and discriminate judgment has been used, we think, in the use of the appropriation for this year. Our fixed charges run fairly heavy. The amount of money out of the appropriation left for the purchase of books and other necessary supplies is not as large as it might seem. I do not see how we can possibly maintain our present efficiency and usefulness, and continue to meet the demands of our users, unless we have at least $2,000 for an appropriation this year. You will note that the balance remaining this year is a very small one. Last year, we had $237.11 as cash on hand. This will mean

that we will have some $200 less to expend than we had this year. Further, we cannot possibly continue our good work with an apropriation less than $2,000. I believe that the work that the library is doing warrants such an expenditure. I further believe it will be willingly given.

The circulation for the past year has been as follows:

Fiction,	22,139	
Non-fiction,	3,868	
Total circulation,		26,007
Books on hand March 1, 1912,		8,521
Purchased,		638
Donated,		20
Books on hand March 1, 1913,		35,186
Number of papers and magazines supplied,		48

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON H. HOBSON,
Librarian.

Report of Committee of So-Called Permanent Highways

To the Voters of the Town of Palmer:—

GENTLEMEN: The Committee appointed at the Special Town Meeting, held April 22, 1912, to carry out the vote of the Town relating to the construction of so-called permanent highway, make the following report:

Your Committee met promptly and organized with Charles L. Waid as Chairman. As soon as a date could be arranged the Committee met F. D. Kemp, of the State Highway Commission, and J. A. Johnson, division engineer, for the purpose of finding out just what assistance could be obtained from the Highway Commission. We were unable to obtain the services of their engineers, but did obtain the help of the Commission in advertising and platting the work and in preparing the specifications. They also recommended to us, at our request, a man thoroughly competent to make the surveys and plans from which to obtain a fairly accurate knowledge of the work to be done, and the cost of the same.

Engineer Walter M. Charles and his assistants commenced the field work May 28th and completed same about July 7th. The plans were completed about the first of September and the work at once platted and specifications prepared by the State Highway Commission. The cost of the field work and plans was $1,356.62. The distance covered was about 11 miles or an average cost of about $123.33⅓ per mile. The sections covered in this survey are as follows:

Palmer Depot—Park, Pleasant, School, Church, Central, Pearl and South Main streets.

Thorndike—Parts of Church and Commercial streets, Ware road and Main street to Three Rivers.

Three Rivers to Shearer's Corners.

Four Corners to Bondsville.

Four Corners to Burleigh's.

Thorndike to Bondsville road, near residence of Fred Collis.

Plans were made for all of the foregoing except the last two sections mentioned. The field notes for these two sections are in the office of the State Highway Commission and plans can be drawn from them at any time.

Bids were advertised for, covering five sections in Palmer Depot—in Park, Pleasant, School, Church and South Main streets; three sections in Thorndike—in Church, Commercial and Main streets to Three Rivers; from Four Corners to Bondsville, and from Three Rivers to Shearer's Corner.

The bids received were as follows:

Sections and Bidders	Estimated Cost of Work from Prices Bid
Palmer Depot, 5 sections:	
R. E. Hudson, Melrose,	$15,348.00
C. E. Horne, Millbury,	16,409.50
W. N. Flynt Granite Co.,	14,502.00
N. E. Construction Co.,	15,867.00
Thorndike Village, 3 sections:	
R. F. Hudson, Melrose,	$10,212.00
C. E. Horne, Millbury,	10,375.00
W. N. Flynt Granite Co.,	10,009.00
N. E. Construction Co.,	10,220.00
Three Rivers to Shearer's:	
R. F. Hudson, Melrose,	$17,932.50
C. E. Horne, Millbury,	18,026.50
Four Corners to Bondsville:	
W. N. Flynt Granite Co.,	$17,881.50

N. E. Construction Co., 19,967.50

The above bids provide for about 3½ miles of gravel road between Four Corners and Bondsville, Thorndike and Three Rivers, and Three Rivers and Shearer's Corner, and about 1,000 feet of bituminous macadam with concrete base on Pleasant and School streets in Palmer Depot, the balance being bituminous macadam.

COMPARISON OF BIDS.

R. F. Hudson, Melrose,	$43,492.50
C. E. Horne, Millbury,	44,811.00
W. N. Flynt Granite Co.,	42,392.50
N. England Construction Co.,	46,054.50
Oil additional to each of the above,	1,845.00

Alternate bids were received for *all* bituminous macadam on the five sections in Palmer Depot, the Three Rivers to Shearer's Corner and the Four Corners to Bondsville sections as follows:

Sections and Bidders	Estimated Cost of Work from Prices Bid
Palmer Depot, 5 sections:	
R. F. Hudson,	$14,181.00
C. E. Horne,	14,830.00
W. N. Flynt Granite Co.,	13,670.00
N. E. Construction Co.,	14,700.00
Oil additional to each of the above,	940.00
Three Rivers to Shearer's:	
R. F. Hudson,	$29,610.00
C. E. Horne,	31,190.00
W. N. Flynt Granite Co.,	30,020.00
N. E. Construction Co.,	34,440.00
Four Corners to Bondsville:	
Oil additional to each of the above,	$1,885.00

The lowest bidder being the W. N. Flynt Granite Co., of

Monson, the Committee awarded the contract to this firm, the same being accepted by them and signed October 11, 1912, the whole work to be completed on or before October 1, 1913.

Bonds for the performance of the contract to the amount of $14,500.00 were required of the contractors and furnished by them.

Work was commenced by the contractors October 21, 1912, and the estimated amount of work done by them to date is $9,645.68, as follows:

Section Four Corners to Bondsville,	$6,510.18
Section Three Rivers to Shearer's Corner,	1,515.50
Section Thorndike to Three Rivers,	1,620.00
	$9,645.68

Eighty-five per cent of this amount, $8,198.83, has been approved by the Committee for payment.

A small section at Shearer's Corner has been constructed under the supervision of the State Highway Commission at a total expense of $757.94, a small share of which should be borne by the Street Railway Company.

A summary of the bills approved by the Committee to date is as follows:

Surveying and plans, including board and expense of surveying party,	$1,356.62
W. N. Flynt Granite Co., account contract,	8,198.83
Construction at Shearer's Corner,	757.94
Sundry expense of Committee,	13.44
	$10,326.83

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. WAID,
ROSCIUS C. NEWELL,
SAMUEL STEWART,
CHARLES A. LEGRO,
CHARLES A. TABOR,
Road Committee.

Palmer, Mass., February 26, 1913.

Report of Tax Collector

1911.

Outstanding last report,		$266.59
Added by Assessors,		42.00
Total to be collected,		$308.59
Paid Treasurer,	$288.78	
Abatements,	19.81	
		$308.59

1912.

Amount on Assessors' Books,		$84,161.35
Non-resident Bank Tax,		833.12
Amount added by Assessors,		171.93
Excise Tax,		3,417.06
Interest,		229.44
Total to be collected,		$88,812.90
Paid Treasurer,	$83,239.37	
Non-resident Bank Tax,	833.12	
Excise Tax,	3,417.06	
Abatements and Claims,	1,067.72	
Estates in Bankruptcy,	51.20	
Property to be sold,	81.84	
Abatement asked for,	102.59	
Outstanding,	20.00	
		$88,812.90

J. AUSTIN HAWKES, Tax Collector.

Report of Auditors

TOWN TREASURER.

Balance Feb. 15, 1912,	$5,840.37
Receipts during year,	209,017.72
Total receipts,	$214,858.09
Total disbursements,	159,394.80
Balance in Treasury,	$55,463.29

ACCOUNTS OF TAX COLLECTOR.

Year of 1911.

Outstanding last report,		$266.59
Amount added by Assessors,		42.00
Total,		$308.59
Abatements,	$19.81	
Paid Treasurer,	288.78	
		$308.59

Year of 1912.

Amount on Assessors' Books,	$84,161.35
Non-resident Bank Tax,	833.12
Additions by Assessors,	171.93
Excise Tax,	3,417.06
Interest,	229.44
Total to be collected,	$88,812.90

Abatements,	$1 067.72	
Paid Treasurer,	87,489.55	
Outstanding,	255.63	
		$88,812.90

TRUST FUNDS.

For care Cemetery Lots,		$10,635.00
Interest account,		669.66
		$11,304.66
Merrick Fund,		$850.00
Thompson Fund,		951.28

CHARLES K. GAMMELL,
EVERETT W. CARPENTER,
Auditors.

Report of Treasurer

Cash Account Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1912,		$5,840.37
J. A. Hawks, taxes, 1911,	$288.78	
J. A. Hawks, 1912,	83,239.37	
J. A. Hawks, non-resident bank tax,	833.12	
J. A. Hawks, excise tax,	3,417.06	
Cemetery Commissioners, earnings,	991.62	
Cemetery Commissioners, sale of lots,	378.00	
Sewer Entrances,	1,025.00	
Sewer Connections,	209.27	
Town of Monson, bridges,	500.53	
Town of Warren,	173.60	
Town of Ware,	74.00	
City of Springfield,	66.75	
City of Worcester,	137.85	
Town Farm,	734.38	
District Court,	36.18	
R. L. Day & Co., Highway Construction Bonds,	50,000.00	
R. L. Day & Co., Premium on Bonds,	329.50	
R. L. Day & Co., accrued interest on Bonds,	266.67	
Highway Surveyor,	14.73	
Lockup Fees,	2.00	
Sale of School Supplies,	17.50	
Liquor Licenses,	10,405.00	
All other licenses,	702.00	
Interest on deposits,	543.29	

Palmer Savings Bank, temporary loans,	33,221.85	
Sealer Weights and Measures,	69.39	
Milk licenses,	25.00	
Oleomargarine licenses,	2.50	
Interest, Thompson Fund,	38.42	
Interest, Merrick Fund,	34.34	
Sale of sewer pipe,	28.26	
House of Correction,	158.00	
Rebate on School Insurance,	20.40	
Rent of Pest House,	4.00	
Sale of stone crusher,	700.00	
Dog Tax,	750.81	
Outside Tuition,	556.20	
State, Corporation Tax, 1911,	.92	
Corporation Tax, 1912,	7,929.19	
Public Service Corporation Tax,	502.74	
National Bank Tax,	220.95	
Street Railway Tax,	8,798.55	
Temporary aid,	130.50	
Support of sick paupers,	139.80	
Tuition of children,	312.50	
Burial of paupers,	34.00	
State aid,	872.00	
Burial of soldiers and sailors,	74.00	
Transportation of paupers,	4.20	
Certification fee on Town Note No. 5,	3.00	
		$209,017.72
		$214,858.09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Palmer Savings Bank, temporary loans,	$32,500.00
Palmer Savings Bank, interest,	1,487.82
Town Bonds,	7,600.00
Interest on Town Bonds,	3,297.25

State aid,	676.00	
One-fourth liquor licenses,	2,601.25	
District Court,	809.65	
State Tax,	7,687.50	
State Highway Tax,	496.00	
National Bank Tax,	844.28	
County Tax,	4,497.29	
Selectmen's pay rolls,	37,341.22	
Overseers of Poor, pay rolls,	9,441.60	
School Committee's pay rolls,	40,060.21	
Highway Surveyor's pay rolls,	10,054.73	
Total disbursements,		$159,394.80
Balance,		55,463.29
		$214,858.09

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN OF PALMER.

Refunding Loan,	$10,000.00	
Grammar School Bonds,	12,800.00	
Three Rivers School Bonds,	15,000.00	
High School Bonds,	15,000.00	
Highway Construction Bonds,	50,000.00	
Funding Bonds,	21,000.00	
Temporary Loans,	3,221.85	
		$127,021.85

GEORGE E. CLOUGH, Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer

Receipts.

Cash on hand March 1, 1912,		$237.11
Town of Palmer,	$1,800.00	
G. A. R. 1911 coal bill,	30.09	
Fines,	46.00	
Membership fees,	70.00	
Sale of counter,	10.00	
Sale of old papers,	7.18	
		1,963.27
		$2,200 38

Disbursements.

Miss Robinson, Attendant,	$420.00	
Oliver Bearse, Assistant Attendant,	17.00	
James Knox, Janitor,	115.50	
E. W. Spaulding, Janitor,	20.00	
Labor,	85.30	
Fuel and lights,	361.60	
Repairs,	104.23	
Binding,	41.70	
Books,	812.65	
Supplies,	125.12	
Miscellaneous,	19.55	
Cataloging,	68.05	
		2 190.70

Cash on hand March 1, 1913, $9.68

L. E. CHANDLER, Treasurer.

School Committee 1912-1913

JOHN C. SULLIVAN, Chairman.
CLIFTON H. HOBSON, Secretary.

William Kerigan,	Term expires 1915
Dr. John F. Roche,	Term expires 1915
George D. Mooers,	Term expires 1914
James Wilson,	Term expires 1914
John F. Shea,	Term expires 1913
John C. Sullivan,	Term expires 1913

Regular meetings of the school committee are held at 7.30 p. m., on the Tuesday before the last Friday of each school month.

All bills must be in the hands of the superintendent before the above date.

Superintendent of Schools, CLIFTON H. HOBSON.
Office, High School Building. Telephone, 54—4.
Residence, 30 Pearl street. Telephone, 54—3.

Office hours: 8 a. m. to 12 m., 1.30 to 5 p. m.; Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p. m., except the Tuesday before the last Friday of each month.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

George A. Bills,	Depot
T. J. Crimmins,	Depot
Edward McKelligett,	Thorndike
James Manning,	Three Rivers
William Smith,	Three Rivers
John Mansfield,	Bondsville

JANITORS.

Charles Johnson,	High School
Charles Johnson,	Depot
P. J. Sullivan,	Thorndike
C. E. Fuller,	Bondsville
William Smith,	Three Rivers

Calendar

SCHOOL YEAR, 1912-1913.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Spring term begins March 3, 1913; ends April 25, 1913.
Summer term begins May 5, 1913; ends June 27, 1913.
Fall term begins September 2, 1913; ends December 19, 1913.
Winter term begins December 29, 1913; ends February 20, 1914.
Spring term begins March 2, 1914; ends April 24, 1914.
Summer term begins May 4, 1914; ends June 26, 1914.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

Spring term begins March 3, 1913; ends April 25, 1913.
Summer term begins May 5, 1913; ends June 13, 1913.
Fall term begins September 2, 1913; ends December 19, 1913.
Winter term begins December 29, 1913; ends February 20, 1914.
Spring term begins March 2, 1914; ends April 24, 1914.
Summer term begins May 4, 1914; ends June 12, 1914.

VACATIONS—ALL SCHOOLS.

April 26 to May 4, 1913, inclusive.
June 28 to September 1, 1913, inclusive.
December 20 to December 28, 1913, inclusive.
February 21 to March 1, 1914, inclusive.
April 25 to May 3, 1914, inclusive.

HOLIDAYS.

Fair Day, Columbus Day, Convention Day, Thanksgiving (with the day following), Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Palmer:

The school committee submits herewith for your consideration, in compliance with the statutes of the Commonwealth, its sixty-third annual report:

NEEDED ROOM.

The crowded condition of the lower grades in the Bondsville school has been such during the year that more room will be needed for properly carrying on school work. We have, therefore, decided to ask you for the necessary funds to erect a two-room addition and install a new heating system in place of the three furnaces and one small steam boiler now in use. A similar condition of over-crowding exists in the lower grades in the Palmer school, and it has been decided to overcome this for the present by transferring one class to the High school. This plan will inconvenience the work of the High school to some extent, but it is thought it can be carried out successfully during the next school year.

COMMERCIAL COURSE.

This course having been introduced lately has now fifty pupils and comprises one-third of the High school. The teachers in charge of this department are meeting well the test that the efficiency of a teacher shall be measured by what the pupils can do in the subject taught. Nearly all of the graduates have obtained positions paying from three hundred to six hundred dollars per year. If this income earning power is subjected to a commercial point of view and considered as interest on the capital invested, we find that the general

health and educational ability of each pupil has been capitalized at five to ten thousand dollars on a six per cent basis.

GENERAL STUDIES.

The improvement of all studies under the plan of having a superintendent devote his entire time to supervision continues from the first grade, where number work is now taught, up to the ninth grade where pupils exhibit a quickness of apprehension and a retentiveness of memory regarding the subjects taught that is very encouraging for good work in the High school. The idea that the pupils should be occasionally allowed to talk and acquire some practice in the art of expression, even though silence be required of the teacher for awhile, is receiving more consideration in the grade work. This work is bearing fruit in the High school as can be readily seen in the weekly rhetoricals, and in the monthly meetings in charge of the pupils where the result of the study of current events is presented by the pupils in a manner that indicates they are being trained to do things orderly and efficiently.

WORKING DISCIPLINE.

Teaching punctuality and promptness in the performance of duties are important. Habitual tardiness and absence from school work without good reason must receive such punishment for the offence as will reduce these to a minimum. The cause of both tardiness and absence from school in some cases is due to cigarette smoking on the part of the boys. The habit of cigarette smoking is one that impairs rapidly a boy's mental power, weakens his sense of moral obligation and robs him of that honesty and sturdiness of character so essential to success in his work. The requirement that pupils shall come to the High school and study in the afternoon because of tardiness, and for failure to maintain a passing standard in their daily work, is for the purpose of inculcating habits of promptness and a spirit of industry that will enable them to perform skillfully and justly their private

and public duties in after life. We ask the earnest co-operation of all parents in this matter.

EXPENSE.

Our expense continues to increase with the increased number of pupils requiring more teachers, and because of the variety of studies offered in our High school to supply the educational needs and requirements of our citizens. Any inquiry into this matter will show that our schools are conducted economically. Our rank among the three hundred and fifty-three cities and towns of the state based on the amount raised by local taxation and expended for the education of each child in the average membership of the public schools is two hundred and thirteen, and the amount so spent is twenty-six dollars ($26.14) fourteen cents. That is, there are two hundred and twelve cities and towns spending more per pupil than we do. Our teachers are paid rather below the average for towns of our size, and the number of pupils per teacher is rather above the average. These facts indicate that the expense is kept well within reasonable limits.

Our rank among the cities and towns of the state based on the amount appropriated for the support of public schools for each thousand dollars of valuation is twenty-second, while last year it was seventh. This indicates that our citizens have placed our town well up among the cities and towns of the state by their generous support of our public schools. They have a right to expect that the quality of the work in our schools shall be excellent, and we believe that this condition exists. We call your attention to the report of the superintendent of schools, which is herewith made a part of this report.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN,
W. B. KERIGAN,
J. F. SHEA,
JAMES WILSON,
GEORGE D. MOOERS,
J. F. ROCHE, D. D. S.

Cost per School.

ACCOUNTS	High School	Palmer	Three Rivers	Thorndike	Bondsville	Districts	Office	Total
Salaries	$ 5,167.25	$ 4,798.12	$ 3,703.95	$ 2,786.84	$ 2,704.86	$ 2,019.80	$ 2,273.36	$23,454.18
Janitors	500.06	500.06	458.00	396.00	396.00	112.50		2,362.62
Music	65.59	119.96	124.47	119.96	119.95	50.00		599.93
Manual Train'g, Draw'g	201.96	217.37	191.01	223.31	215.78	100.57		1,150.00
Transportation . . .	692.40	1,097.00	3.00	51.00	1.00	52.90		1,897.30
Fuel and Light . . .	606.52	737.27	502.98	658.26	427.31	67.66		3,000.00
Contingencies . . .	537.03	573.75	176.71	227.67	211.14	176.81	250.74	2,153.85
Medical Inspection .	25.00	25.00	50.00	50 00	25.00	25.00		200.00
Repairs	160.68	86.36	35.68	66.49	21.47	128.56		499.24
Equipment	169.00	185.22			59.10	86.68		500 00
Text Books, Supplies .	621.09	547.41	188.95	175.11	158.85	86.73	21.86	1,800.00
Commercial	1,999.99							1,999.99
Insurance	37.50		328.00		66.25	11.35		443.10
TOTAL	$10,784.07	$ 8,887,52	$ 5,762.75	$ 4,754.64	$ 4,406.51	$ 2,918.56	$ 2,545.96	$40,060 21
Average Membership .	140.48	441.29	301.19	213.64	239.89	92.6		1,429.08
Cost per Pupil . . .	$ 76.77	$ 20.14	$ 19.13	$ 22.26	$ 18.79	$ 31.51		$ 28.03
Based on average membership								

Tardiness Compared for Two Years.

1911—1912.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	Total
High	6	5	14	11	13	7	15	3	5	6	85
Palmer	15	10	9	10	13	4	5	9	5	3	83
Thorndike	9	2	5	1	5	1	3	1	3	1	31
Three Rivers	16	13	12	5	12	3	1	1			63
Bondsville	4	5	1	1	1	2		1		1	16
Districts	24	28	32	13	14	15	7	8	7	5	153
TOTAL	74	63	73	41	58	32	31	23	20	16	431

1910—1911.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	Total
High	5	25	25	39	26	39	19	56	45	48	327
Palmer	4	17	12	24	24	27	19	15	12	26	180
Thorndike	1	7	15	14	13	15	10	4	17	8	104
Three Rivers	2	12	19	26	24	18	13	2	31	10	157
Bondsville	1	2	1	3		10	1	11	6	4	39
Districts		15	10	19	18	7	19	7	9	5	109
TOTAL	* 13	78	82	125	105	116	81	95	120	101	916

*School was in session two weeks.

Percentage of decrease—all schools, 52½ per cent. Percentage of decrease: High, 74 per cent.; Palmer, 54 per cent.; Thorndike, 70 per cent.; Three Rivers, 60 per cent.; Bondsville, 60 per cent.

Percentage of increase: Districts, 40 per cent.

Appendix

A FINANCIAL STATEMENT
TEACHERS' SALARIES.

HIGH SCHOOL

Lee T. Gray,	$1,600.00	
Genevra F. Clark,	696.50	
Pauline C. Melius,	689.50	
Jennie M. Linton,	280.00	
Eleanor F. Toolin,	680.00	
Mary E. Dolbear,	81.25	
Alice E. Wyman,	420.00	
Clarence W. Lombard,	577.50	
		$5,024.75

DEPOT.

Elizabeth I. Heenehan,	$604.80	
Florence M. Heenehan,	168.00	
Agnes I. Mahoney,	477.40	
Margaret Bradley,	140.00	
Beatrice L. Dillon,	404.00	
Susan M. Ballou,	494.00	
Hazel B. Caryl,	442.00	
Jennie C. Roche,	491.40	
Marie J. Knobel,	442.00	
Rose A. Duffy,	404.00	
Ruth Elvin,	232.00	
S. Leola Franklin,	240.00	
Elizabeth Dempsey,	240.00	
		$4,779.60

THORNDIKE.

Katharine M. Twiss,	$608.00	
Florence I. Sampson,	404.00	
Bridget Griffin,	442.00	
Julia G. Daley,	182.00	
Natalie Jackson,	108.00	
Mary E. Murdock,	494.00	
Mary I. Hartnett,	240.00	
Deborah Healey,	240.00	
		$2,718.00

BONDSVILLE.

Jennie C. Twiss,	$608.00	
Lucy Fitzgerald,	369.20	
Marie West,	221.00	
Cora Clark,	182.00	
Mary E. Quirk,	255.20	
Bessie M. Donnelly,	399.60	
Zilpha Sturtevant,	176.00	
Genevieve Reilley,	240.00	
Rena Hemenway,	122.40	
		$2,573.40

THREE RIVERS.

Annie E. O'Connor,	$608.00	
Luna Whitlock,	481.00	
Clara Holmes,	154.00	
Nellie L. Twiss,	442.00	
Lucy B. Twiss,	490.10	
Mae C. Fitzgerald,	382.00	
Flora Morey,	442.00	
Bertha L. Pulsifer,	246.00	
Grace A. Walsh,	240.00	
Clara L. O'Connor,	180.00	
		$3,665.10

DISTRICTS.

Margaret Scannell,	$465.40	

May Mahoney,	491.40	
Maude V. Foley,	442.00	
Genevieve Reilley,	202.00	
Mary Quirk,	140.00	
Elizabeth Shea,	180.00	
Clara L. O'Connor,	60.00	
		$1,980.80

SUBSTITUTES.

Kathleen Quirk,	$2.00	
Agnes Carmody,	2.00	
Mrs. Ella Ogle,	2.00	
Mrs. L. E. Chandler,	4.00	
Cora B. Clark,	2.60	
Mary Blake,	48.00	
Katharine Dolbear,	32.50	
Sophie Rice,	132.00	
Mildred Loftus,	174.00	
		$399.10

INSTRUCTOR OF PENMANSHIP.

Harry Houston,	$27.07

INSTRUCTOR OF READING.

Amelia M. Young,	$13.00

SUPERINTENDENT.

Clifton H. Hobson,	$1,833.36

SECRETARY.

Florence M. Healey,	$440.00

JANITORS.

Charles Johnson,	$1,000.12	
William Smith,	458.00	
Patrick J. Sullivan,	393.00	
Charles Fuller,	396.00	
Mrs. Charles Walker,	70.00	
Nelson St. John,	15.00	
Rufus Bacon,	15.00	
Charles Damon,	7.50	
Frank Jacunski,	5.00	
		$2,362.62

MUSIC.

Miss J. V. Cantwell, instructor,	$500.00	
The Cable Company, music,	4.50	
American Book Company, music books,	1.53	
J. L. Hammett Company, supplies,	16.50	
C. C. Birchard & Co., music books,	5.30	
James A. Chaffee, tuning piano,	2.50	
Silver Burdette & Co., music books,	2.68	
Ginn & Co., music books and supplies,	66.92	
		$599.93

CONTINGENCIES.

J. L. Hammett Co., general supplies,	$290.97
Remington Typewriter Co., supplies for Commercial Department,	54.54
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., typewriter ribbons,	3.00
William Kerigan, labor,	36.00
C. B. Dolge & Co., sweeping compound,	18.00
George D. Mooers, freight charges,	1.73
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rental and tolls,	55.69
American Express Co., express charges,	17.71
E. A. Buck & Co., janitors' supplies,	40.85
G. F. Garland, book,	1.25
C. Arthur Hanson, tuning piano,	2.00
Palmer Water Co., water rent,	175.28
John F. Mansfield, truants,	6.00
M. J. Sullivan, truants,	1.00
George A. Bills, truants,	16.50
Edward F. McKelligett, truants,	9.50
J. J. Manning, truants,	28.00
A. F. Bennett, truants,	2.50
Palmer Trucking Co., trucking,	31.01
Parker-Hamer Electric Co., batteries, bells, labor, etc.,	65.94

William Smith, care of children at Three Rivers,	27.76
Johnson's Bookstore, supplies,	10.20
W. L. Shaw, postage stamps and box rent,	41.41
C. E. Fuller, freight charges,	3.44
W. E. Stone & Son, cheese cloth, etc.,	6.14
Meekins, Packard & Wheat, cabinet supplies,	10.70
Milner Mfg. Co., drinking fountain,	10.00
Mrs. G. H. Damon, cleaning Forest Lake School,	1.00
W. F. Fillmore, rent of Opera House,	20.00
Bay State Drug Co., laboratory supplies,	9.91
Boston Duck Co., water rent,	12.62
Palmer Journal, stationery and printing,	138.38
Samuel M. Phillips, rent of chairs,	8.48
E. M. Leonard, ribbon for diplomas,	2.94
Charles Johnson, caring for children at Palmer Grammar School,	20.30
Milton Bradley Co., diplomas,	33.70
Cordley & Hayes, refuse receptacle,	1.13
Whitcomb & Faulkner, labor and material,	6.26
E. C. & G. C. Gardner, for professional services at High School,	15.00
J. P. Lynde, laboratory supplies,	3.65
Ellen S. Leach, water rent,	3.00
J. J. Kelley, supplies,	2.38
S. H. Wright, sharpening tools, etc.,	1.30
F. K. Twiss, trucking,	1.50
T. D. Potter, supplies,	3.17
E. S. Brooks, clocks and repairing,	63.75
E. Brown & Co., labor and material,	81.44
Patrick Sullivan, labor,	10.00
Francis L. Jones, labor and material,	126.92
C. N. Ellithorpe, labor and material,	11.15
Nelson St. John, labor at Shorley School,	40.47

M. St. John, labor at Forest Lake School,	5.00	
American Seating Co., furniture,	75.20	
F. W. Simonds,	3.00	
Horace Kehoe, labor at Forest Lake School,	1.50	
Silver Burdette & Co., books,	2.36	
G. A. Authier & Son,	31.32	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., laboratory supplies,	13.68	
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co., book,	.79	
Ellis Publishing Co., book,	.60	
Ginn & Co., books,	10.64	
E. E. Babb & Co., books,	7.55	
Gregg Publishing Co., books,	16.10	
S. A. Ramsden, labor,	5.50	
Charles D. Holden, supplies,	.30	
Daniel Horgan, census enumerator,	60.00	
George E. Clough, drawing up a contract,	1.00	
R. L. Bond, water rent,	30.00	
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books,	4.62	
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	24.69	
American Book Co., books,	3.23	
Unit Press Co., poems,	5.35	
Public Speaking Review Co., magazine for English Department,	2.25	
S. H. Hellyar, supplies,	1.88	
J. P. Flaherty, labor,	3.10	
Palmer Mill, water rent,	1.00	
Horace Paine, fumigating school buildings,	6.00	
Rufus W. Bacon, repairs at Palmer Center,	1.00	
George B. Robbins, Disinfectant Co., disinfectants,	4.50	
Ducy & Keir, labor and material at Thorndike,	16.17	
James Wilson, supplies,	3.81	
Palmer Coal & Grain Co., coal,	226.14	
		$2,153.85

TRANSPORTATION.

D. E. Marcy,	$742.50	
Springfield Street Railway Co.,	1,140.00	
Fred Lamarine,	12.40	
Clifton H. Hobson,	2.40	
		$1,897.30

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett Co., general supplies,	$1,029.76
Atkinson Mentzer & Co., books,	21.74
E. E. Babb & Co., books,	68.67
Marine Biological Co., laboratory supplies,	1.25
Schoenof Book Co., books,	7.30
D. C. Heath & Co., books,	76.50
Johnson's Bookstore, books,	6.20
Silver Burdette Co., books,	11.60
Ginn & Co., books,	115.27
Mary E. Dolbear, laboratory supplies,	7.45
Remington Typewriter Co., office supplies,	9.00
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books,	7.98
J. P. Lynde, office supplies,	3.50
R. H. Smith Mfg. Co., rubber stamps,	11.40
American Book Co., books,	35.81
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., laboratory supplies,	5.19
Charles Scribner's Sons, books,	1.35
Bay State Drug Co., laboratory supplies,	2.97
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding books,	59.12
West Disinfecting Co., disinfectants,	7.50
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, furniture,	131.50
Palmer Trucking Co., trucking	26.40
D. Appleton & Co., books,	14.26
The Walcott Cameron Co.,	15.35
T. D. Potter, cement and spikes,	6.06
Allyn & Bacon, books,	13.50
Palmer Mill, paint,	1.93

Parker-Hamer Electric Co., bells and batteries,	8.25	
J. A. Lyons & Co., books,	6.16	
Sibley & Co., books,	1.22	
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co., books,	18.79	
Henry Holt & Co., books,	6.30	
H. R. Huntting Co., books,	10.80	
C. E. Fuller, freight on books,	3.76	
W. E. Stone & Son, cheese cloth,	2.25	
C. B. Dolge & Co., sweeping compound,	33.00	
Library Bureau, cards,	8.75	
The Davis Press, books,	2.14	
		$1,800.00

REPAIRS.

Whitcomb & Faulkner, repairs at High school, Palmer Grammar and District schools,	$138.34	
William Kerigan, repairs at Forest Lake,	1.50	
M. B. Flaherty, repairs at Bondsville,	2.50	
T. D. Potter, cement, lumber, and plaster for Shorley,	54.25	
Parker-Hamer Electric Co., labor and material at Palmer, Thorndike, and Bondsville schools,	23.05	
Palmer Mill, labor at Three Rivers,	1.49	
S. W. Lyon & Co., plumbing at High school,	40.31	
Nelson St. John, labor at Shorley District School,	.50	
C. N. Ellithorpe & Son, labor and material at Thorndike,	31.12	
Thorndike Co., paint,	3.36	
Ducy & Keir, repairs at Thorndike and Bondsville,	28.76	
Marcy Lumber Co., lumber for Shorley,	4.90	
M. J. Dillon, labor at Shorley,	52.80	

Palmer Grain Co., cement and lime,	1.70	
Francis L. Jones, repairs at High school,	75.00	
F. W. Simonds, repairs at Three Rivers,	34.66	
Patrick Sullivan, labor at Bondsville,	4.00	
F. B. Graham, labor at Three Rivers,	1.00	
		$499.24

INSURANCE.

Arthur W. Warriner,	$160.00	
Arthur E. Fitch,	103.75	
Roy E. Cummings,	95.35	
Ernest E. Hobson,	84.00	
		$443.10

EQUIPMENT.

Walcott Cameron Co., furniture,	$24.45	
Forbes & Wallace, curtains,	8.00	
G. A. Authier & Son, tinting walls,	11.00	
W. E. Stone & Son, shades,	21.16	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, furniture,	303.60	
Francis L. Jones, new room at Palmer Grammar School,	120.61	
Nelson St. John, refitting Shorley School,	11.18	
		$500.00

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Dr. C. H. Giroux,	$50.00	
Dr. H. A. Dunphy,	50.00	
Dr. S. O. Miller,	50.00	
Dr. J. P. Schneider,	50.00	
		$200.00

MANUAL TRAINING AND DRAWING.

Anna D. McAuliffe, instructor,	$780.00
Charles D. Holden, rent,	29.95
S. H. Wright, sharpening tools,	2.50
Hampden Lumber Co., lumber,	46.50
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	190.71

H. B. Stone & Co., supplies,	4.14	
A. L. Bemis, supplies,	1.05	
Whitcomb & Faulkner, labor and material,	89.65	
Ginn & Co., supplies,	1.02	
Anna D. McAuliffe, patterns, etc.,	4.48	
		$1,150.00

FUEL AND LIGHT.

W. F. Fillmore,	$980.73	
Palmer Coal & Grain Co.,	644.58	
F. J. Hamilton,	508.89	
Brown Bros.,	392.52	
Central Mass. Electric Co.,	169.68	
T. D. Potter,	16.10	
Thorndike Grain Co.,	231.50	
Worcester County Gas Co.,	8.50	
C. W. Darling,	40.00	
William Kerigan,	7.50	
		$3,000.00

COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT.

Rufus W. Clement, head of Commercial Department,	$1,231.25	
Carrie J. Fish, assistant,	420.00	
Grace A. McGrath, assistant,	276.50	
J. A. Lyons & Co., books,	8.32	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	2.30	
Remington Typewriter Co., supplies,	25.06	
Smith Premier Typewriter Co., ribbons,	1.50	
American Book Co., books,	6.40	
A. N. Palmer Co., books,	.96	
The Phonographic Institute, books,	4.03	
Palmer Trucking Co.,	7.19	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, furniture,	15.75	
Ginn & Co., book,	.73	
		$1,999.99

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Accounts.	Appropriated.	Expended.	Unexpended.
Salaries,	$25,000.00	$23,454.18	$1,545.82
Janitors,	2,400.00	2,362.62	37.38
Music,	600.00	599.93	.07
Manual Training and Drawing,	1,150.00	1,150.00	
Transportation,	1,900.00	1,897.30	2.70
Fuel and Light,	3,000.00	3,000.00	
*Contingencies	2,153.85	2,153.85	
Medical Inspection,	200.00	200.00	
Repairs,	500.00	499.24	.76
Equipment,	500.00	500.00	
Text Books and Supplies,	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Commercial,	2,000.00	1,999.99	.01
Insurance,	550.00	443.10	106.90
Total Expenditures,		$40,060.21	
Balance Unexpended,		1,693.64	
	$41,753.85	$41,753.85	

*Appropriation	$500.00
Dog Tax, Tuition and Merrick Fund	$1,653.85
Total	$2,153.85

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith present my second annual report as Superintendent of the Schools of Palmer. This is the twentieth in the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the town. The writer craves your kind indulgence in submitting this report, because he had to dictate all of it, owing to personal illness. A dictated report cannot equal in quality a carefully written one.

In this report, the statistics in regard to attendance, unless otherwise denominated, refer to the school year from September, 1911, to June, 1912.

INTRODUCTION

At the time of writing this report, the present Superintendent of Schools has been connected with the Palmer schools for one and one-half years. He has made many hundreds of visits to the various school rooms in town. He has kept himself very closely identified with the work of these rooms. He has become familiar with the various and varied conditions which surround these schools and has formed a close acquaintanceship with the teachers and pupils of the town. Consequently, he feels that he is in a position today to speak with authority regarding the work and policy of our schools.

With this short preface, we will plunge into the heart of this report and speak briefly and specifically regarding those things which have been accomplished and which we hope to accomplish. There is so much that is of real interest to the

citizens of the town regarding their schools, so much that has been accomplished, so many changes that have been brought about, that it is a difficult task to select, and speak concisely regarding the most pertinent.

SUPERVISION

A successful superintendent of schools must possess three attributes. He must be a good educator, a good business man, and a good diplomat. In order that the schools under his supervision may benefit most, he must possess these qualifications in the order named. He should be, primarily, a man who thoroughly understands school work and who can supervise intelligently. This, in my opinion, should be the chief requisite demanded in a superintendent. Furthermore, he should be a good business man in order to place the school system upon a firm business basis, and to be able to so wisely administer his duties and expend the school appropriation that the town may derive the greatest possible benefit for the expenditure involved. In order that the right kind of harmony may exist between citizens, parents, teachers, and pupils, the Superintendent often has to possess a great deal of tact and diplomacy. No public official is more subjected to criticism and fault-finding than is the head of a school system. A man who can meet this criticism patiently and good naturedly is, indeed, a happy individual. Yet diplomacy does not necessarily mean that a superintendent must agree with every one who hurls criticism at him or his system. Oftentimes a Superintendent uses what he calls diplomacy to his own injury. Every self-respecting citizen admires the man, no matter what his position may be, public or private, who has the manhood and stamina to stand for a principle. More superintendents are wrecked upon the rocks of diplomacy than upon the breakers of proper self-assertion.

Many an individual would reverse the above order in which I have placed the three essentials of a superintendent. He would place diplomacy first, business ability second, and qualifications as an educator third. Nevertheless, the present incumbent regards them as he has outlined them above; consequently, in his work as superintendent, he endeavors to em-

ploy the major part of his time in actual supervision of school work. He tries to visit each building often and to spend a considerable length of time in each individual room. In this way only can he become thoroughly acquainted with the strength and the weakness of the individual teacher. It is his desire to commend her for her strength and to try to strengthen her weakness. This, he is in a position to do very often, because of his close observation of so many teachers, for he can observe the strong and weak points of each individual instructor. He can know that one teacher is strong in one essential and weak in another. He knows of other teachers who are weak where others are strong. He can see why each is weak and why each is strong in certain lines. He can carry the strong points of the strong teacher to bolster up the weak points of the weak teacher. This exchange of ideas is one of the most helpful suggestions that a superintendent can give to his teachers. Oftentimes, in order that the teachers may profit most by these suggestions, an inter-visit of our own teachers is planned. Certain teachers, who seem to have peculiar adaptability in assimilating and successfully carrying into operation certain suggestions, are visited at the wish of the Superintendent. The visiting teachers are told exactly what to look for. This has proved to be a very successful method in our schools. This method has more than commended itself to us this past year and a half, particularly in our lower grades. About a year ago, a change in the scheme of primary reading was instituted. Some of the teachers some became very proficient in the work in phonics. A visit by all of the primary teachers in the rooms of these successful ones increased the efficiency of all our primary teachers many hundred per cent.

In addition to these many visits, many outlines of the work by grades have been typewritten and placed in the hands of each teacher. In this way, each teacher knows exactly the work that her grade is supposed to cover within the period of one school year. Not only is the work for the year specified, but many helps and suggestions for the most efficient teaching of certain important principles are given in these outlines.

These outlines are specific, yet pliable. Plenty of latitude is allowed the teacher for the exercise of her own individuality and ingenuity. The result thus far has been that much better work is now being done in the grades in the subjects that we have been enabled to outline. Any teacher with good teaching and disciplinary ability and a fair amount of adaptability cannot help but do good work with aids of this sort placed in her hands. Within the last year and a half, some few thousand typewritten pages have been placed in the hands of the teachers. Supervision of this sort, if wise and intelligent, means much for the good of the schools. In fact, too much emphasis cannot be placed upon its real value. It is my own personal belief that many superintendents fail to utilize, to the largest possible extent, the manifold opportunities that fall to their lot for increasing the efficiency of their own school systems, because they do not become personally acquainted with their teachers and their pupils as they work day by day in the schoolroom. I honestly believe that a superintendent can raise or lower the standards of any school system in this country by his own individual supervision. The imprint of his personality, the contagion of his vim, the impress of his enthusiasm,—all of these, and much more, cannot be effected without frequent personal contact. These impressions can make any school system awaken from whatsoever lethargy it may have fallen into.

BUSINESS

The office work of the School Department has been placed upon a firm business basis. Our system of keeping "track" of our appropriations cannot be bettered; in fact, the accountant, sent here by the state to become familiar with the system of keeping accounts of the Town of Palmer, with the view of suggesting a change of the same, visited our office last May, without any previous knowledge of his coming, upon our part; and spent about an hour going over our accounts. He found everything in the best of shape, found that we agreed exactly with the Town Treasurer, and commended us very highly for the excellent manner in which we kept the same; in fact, he said that

we were the only department in town that kept its books in such excellent shape. He said further that any change of system that he might suggest would, in reality, change our scheme but very little. As a matter of fact, the only change will be a different classification for accounts.

By means of our card ledger, our books are kept posted every day, and, within a few minutes, we can tell exactly where we stand. We keep very close watch upon our appropriation accounts and render a monthly statement to the School Committee at each meeting. We also have kept, this past year, an expense account with each individual school so that we can tell exactly the cost of each school under each appropriation. In this way, we are enabled to carefully study the cost per pupil. In case one school seems to be more expensive than another in any one account, or in all, we can readily ascertain the reason for the same. All of this, of course, would be impossible, had not the School Committee wisely seen the advisability and actual economy of employing a clerk. During the past year and a half, the salary of the clerk has been more than saved by the much more careful attention that has been given to the business end of the office.

ATTENDANCE

Much emphasis has been placed upon attendance by the present school authorities. We realize, having seen it from the inside, the vast importance that it bears upon the entire school work. Non-attendance affects a school system in at least three ways: First, it has an economic effect. If the town of Palmer is spending $40,000 per year for the education of her children, and five per cent are absent on an average, it simply means that one-twentieth of $40,000, or to be more specific, $2,000, is being expended without any return. Of course, when we make this statement, we realize that a certain part of this five per cent of absence is due to just causes, as illness, death in the family, etc.; yet if no importance is given to the matter of attendance, if stringent efforts are not made to carefully investigate each case of absence and to minimize all needless absences, the per cent of inexcusable and unnecessary absences

would be extremely large. We are, therefore, interested in attendance from an economic standpoint. It, furthermore, has a marked effect upon the child mentally. The average pupil who is absent much soon becomes the pupil who must be kept back. In other words, he becomes too old for the grade and loses interest in all school work and, eventually, drops by the wayside. In fact, a large percentage of non-promotion is attributable to poor attendance. In the third place, poor attendance affects very materially the child morally. In all cases of needless absence, the child is forming a habit which will prove detrimental to him in later life. A child who attends school only when he desires is not apt to become a man who will look upon life seriously. He will become a man who will constantly fail to meet the responsibilities which are his and to embrace the opportunities that come his way, and will every pupil forms the right sort of habits which will increase his manhood and efficiency.

ported for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of our citizenship, it is the bounden duty of those in charge to see that thus become a poor kind of citizen. If our schools are sup-

This is likewise true of tardiness. The habit of being tardy is more pernicious, to my mind, than that of being absent. I believe that the average parent does not look upon it as such. Many, I know, feel that, if a child is only a minute or two late, no harm has been done. We will agree with them to a certain extent in this assertion; namely—that no serious harm has been done to the school. This is true to a certain degree. We are not as interested in the amount of harm done to the school as we are in that which is done to the pupil. I believe that the pupil who is allowed to be tardy is bound to be late in doing everything throughout life, unless sometime, somewhere, and somehow, something sufficiently "jolts" him to awaken him to his own responsibilities in life. I say that when we allow a pupil to be tardy we are positively injuring the child. Indirectly, the matter of tardiness injures the school, in that no school which is run on a business basis, and which stands for efficiency and proper education can allow

tardiness to exist to any degree without such lowering its whole moral tone. We have been very active within the last year and a half in the matter of absences and tardiness, and shall continue to be so in the future. I realize that we have been criticised somewhat severely for our activity along this line. We will frankly admit that some of this criticism may be just, for no good for the public at large can be accomplished without occasional hardship being inflicted upon some individual or individuals. Public good always calls for individual sacrifice. We mean to be fair and just in our demands, and we feel that the public at large so looks upon our methods. We do not wish to overdo the matter of attendance. Under no consideration whatsoever, do we desire the presence of a child in a single schoolroom whose health is such as to warrant and demand his staying at home. We do not wish the matter of perfect attendance carried to a degree that a child is expected in the schoolroom when ill. The spirit of being present every day on time that is engendered into the pupil by the desire to be perfect in attendance is very commendable. Any enthusiasm that can be awakened along this or any other line in your boy or girl augurs well. It simply goes to show that his work in life will be successful, provided the proper stimuli are brought to bear upon him.

This past year the Seventh Grade in the Palmer Grammar School went five months without a single absence, and in this time only one case of tardiness was registered against the room. This is really as remarkable a case of attendance as has ever come under my observation.

Our per cent of attendance for the last school year was 94.49. For the year previous it was 95.23 per cent. In spite of all our endeavors last year, we were unable to meet the high record of the previous year. A big decrease in tardiness was made. We registered 431 cases against 907 for the previous year, a decrease of 52½ per cent. At the beginning of the school year, in our own mind, we set out to make a decrease of 50 per cent, and it is our desire this year to make a still further reduction of 50 per cent. This can be accomplished, judging

from our statistics thus far this year, unless we meet with some unforeseen handicap.

An examination of the Appendix of this report will show an interesting table of comparison relative to the matter of tardiness. We have tabulated the number of tardy cases registered against each school for each month for the past two years. We invite your careful inspection in order that you may see the steady, gradual decrease that is taking place. The percentage of decrease for the entire school system last year over the previous year was 52½ per cent. The greatest decrease was in the High School, where a shrinkage of 74 per cent occurred. The Palmer Grammar School decreased 54 per cent; the Thorndike Grammar School, 70 per cent; the Three Rivers Grammar School, 60 per cent; the Bondsville Grammar School, 60 per cent. In the district schools, there was an increase of 40 per cent. This certainly is a remarkable showing in decreasing that worst of all school evils, tardiness.

ENROLLMENT

The number of pupils in attendance at our schools is constantly increasing. This year we are registering some 53 more than at the same time last year. Upon comparing the attendance for the past two school years ending in June, 1912, it will be found that the enrollments were 1,412 and 1,618, respectively; that the average memberships were 1,298.90 and 1,411.33 for these years. This means that the enrollment the past school year was 206 more than that of the previous year; that the average membership was 112.43 more than the average membership of the previous year. These figures seem to indicate that there is a steady increase of some 5 to 10 per cent in our average membership for the past two or three years.

At the present time there are enrolled in the Palmer Grammar School 466 pupils. There are eleven rooms available for use in this building, every one of which is now in operation. This means that there is an average of 42 pupils per teacher. If we could divide the pupils so that we could give each teacher 42 pupils, the conditions would be much better, though bad enough, than they are at the present; but, owing

to the unevenness of numbers in the various grades, it is an absolute impossibility to so divide them; consequently, you will see that in our lower grades, particularly, the rooms are badly overcrowded.

In the four rooms which take care of the children in grades one to three, inclusive, there is an average enrollment of some 50 pupils per teacher. This is a double crime, in our opinion. First, it is a crime against the teacher in that it is taxing her strength beyond all rightful demands that we ought to exercise. In the second place, it is a crime against every child in the room; for, no matter how capable the teacher may be, she cannot give the proper time and instruction to each individual pupil where the numbers are so large.

The Committee decided to better these conditions some months ago; but, owing to various reasons, it has not been possible for us to secure the right sort of teacher for the place. In the fall, we expect to use one room in the High school for an eighth grade room. We will then open up a room in the Palmer Grammar school for the pupils of the second and third grades. This will relieve our congestion in this building. This will mean that we have opened up, within the past two years, three new rooms in this building. This ought to give some idea of the rapidity of the increase in enrollment.

Before many years, the Town of Palmer will have to make some provision to take care of this increasing enrollment. It probably will mean the erection of another building in some part of this village. The present building cannot be added on to, unless more land is purchased and added to the present grounds. As it is now, the pupils have not nearly enough playground. So much is this true that the pupils are forced to use the public streets running in front of the school as a recreation place.

In Bondsville, we are also confronted with congested conditions. We have the following enrollments in the lower grades of this building: Grade one, 51; grade two, 46; grade three, 48; grades four and five, 49. As can be readily comprehended, these rooms are overstocked with pupils; particu-

larly, when you consider that some of the rooms include two grades. This past year, in order to relieve conditions in the first grade, some ten or a dozen pupils who should have remained in grade one had to be sent to grade two. A slight increase in the number of pupils entering in the fall would mean that conditions would be so deplorable that it would be almost impossible for us to secure teachers who would handle such a proposition. This building can be very easily enlarged, and this addition to it should be made at once. Arrangements in anticipation of such an addition have been perfected. An estimate of the cost has been secured, and this matter will come before the appropriation meeting of the town for consideration.

MEDICAL INSPECTION New rules relative to medical inspection have been drawn up and adopted during the past year. These rules, before their final adoption by the School Committee, were submitted to the town counsel and the medical inspectors for their approval. The following out of the rules will do much for the health of the children within our schools. It is our purpose during the coming year to more thoroughly look into the health of the children, with the idea of having them placed in as sound a physical condition as possible. Medical inspection, when rightly practiced, does not mean the mere prevention of the spreading of contagious diseases, but it should also include the careful examination of each and every child in order that any physical disability which may interfere with his bodily or mental progress may be removed. Much matter in the way of suggestion, information and notification has been printed, so that the demands upon the medical inspectors and the teachers will be as light as possible.

DENTAL INSPECTION About a month ago, every parent of a child in our schools received a printed circular relative to the matter of Dental Inspection. In this letter we endeavored to set forth the reasons for the installation of this inspection and the ends sought by doing the same. Every parent was given an opportunity to express

his desire that such inspection should not be made in each individual case. The inspection as yet has not been made, but will be within a few weeks. A careful tabulation of the results will be kept and interesting statistics will be given out at a later date, showing whether or not such an inspection is a good and necessary thing.

Many parents have expressed their desire that this inspection should not be made. In many cases, we know that this was done because attention was already being given to the teeth of their children. Under these conditions, we are glad to be notified to this effect in order that we may not duplicate any work; nevertheless, many parents whose children, in our opinion, absolutely need this inspection have likewise expressed their preference that it should not be done. Possibly there are two reasons for this: one is that the parent thinks that sooner or later this will involve some personal expense; the second is that the child, fearing that he might be hurt, has persuaded his parents to so express their desire. Either reason is not infallible. Every child born into this world has a right to expect from his parents that all physical defects shall be rectified, if possible. Poor teeth, surely, must be considered as a physical defect and should demand immediate attention.

We trust that the results of the dental inspection this year will prove to be so convincing that we will experience no difficulty in future years in having examined the teeth of all those children who need it most.

PENNY SAVIGNS

The present scheme of penny savings was instituted in our schools November 20, 1911. The scheme has been in operation about a year and a half. This period of time ought to be sufficient to warrant us in deducing conclusions relative to the merits of attempting such a plan.

During this time a little less than $3,500 has been deposited by the pupils of the various schools. According to a report handed to us February 1, 1913, by the Palmer Savings Bank, there were 882 pupils who were depositors in this bank.

Of these 882 depositors, 638 have bank books which means that they have deposited at least $1.00. Our enrollment February 1, 1913, was 1,580 pupils, with a deposit of $3,500.00. This signifies that each child in the entire enrollment has averaged depositing more than $2.00. With 882 depositors, this denotes that each pupil who has an account has averaged depositing a little less than $4.00. This is an exceptionally good showing. The school officials and the bank officials are highly pleased with the way that this scheme is working out by the treasurer of the Palmer Savings Bank. Since our successful introduction of the plan, many schools through the state have adopted it in its entirety, or nearly so.

The idea of its institution is to teach the habit of thrift. The carrying out of the scheme involves considerable work upon the part of teachers and bank officials. Nevertheless, the teachers of the town are repaid for their work by the inculcation of a valuable habit. The town and the state will be further repaid, in future years, by having produced a class of citizens, who because of their thrifty habits, are less liable to become town or state charges.

The Palmer Savings Bank takes care of this system at an actual loss. The amount of time consumed by its employes and the amount of printed matter necessary cost the bank much more than they gain from the deposits; nevertheless, the bank realizes that it is a state institution and an institution that belongs to the people and should, therefore, co-operate with the schools in teaching this habit of thrift. Furthermore, while its outgo is greater than its return at the present day, the bank is educating may future depositors, either here or elsewhere, depending upon where our pupils make their future homes. Below will be found two reports of the system. The first one runs from November 20, 1911, to July 1, 1912. The second one, from September 1, 1912, to February 1, 1913.

PENNY SAVINGS REPORT.

From November 20, 1911, to July 1, 1912.

PALMER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grades	Enrollment	Amount transferred to Bank Books	Balance due on folders	Total amount collected
1,	47	$40.00	$12.55	$52.55
1 and 2,	50	60.00	10.25	70.25
2,	44	62.00	7.86	69.86
3,	48	58.00	10.72	68.72
4,	50	116.00	13.13	129.13
5,	51	92.00	7.06	99.06
6,	43	42.00	5.00	47.00
7,	36	42.00	7.14	49.14
8,	33	62.00	4.82	66.82
9,	33	50.25	1.70	51.95
	435	$624.25	$80.23	$704.48

THORNDIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grades				
1,	47	$46.73	$8.80	$55.53
2,	37	34.44	13.67	57.11
3 and 4,	32	45.00	5.75	50.75
4 and 5,	36	40.00	6.33	46.33
6 and 7,	34	25.00	2.92	27.92
8 and 9,	28	45.00	5.06	50.06
	214	$245.17	$42.53	$287.70

BONDSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grades				
1,	52	$61.14	$18.32	$79.46
2,	52	53.09	3.19	56.28
3 and 4,	47	69.55	10.37	79.92
4 and 5,	36	96.38	7.80	104.18
6 and 7,	35	88.00	7.20	95.20
8 and 9,	20	18.00	2.86	20.86
	242	$386.16	$49.74	$435.90

THREE RIVERS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grades				
1,	45	$26.00	$9.72	$35.72
1 and 2,	42	31.00	8.76	39.76
2,	39	34.20	7.15	41.35
3,	38	46.89	7.21	54.10
4,	43	47.30	5.14	52.44
5,	33	72.00	6.86	78.86
6 and 7,	46	65.00	6.54	71.54
8 and 9,	24	46.00	3.32	49.32
	310	$368.39	$54.70	$423.09
Districts				
Wire Mill,	47	$66.25	$12.87	$79.12
Shorley,	18	7.00	3.07	10.07
Forest Lake,	19	3.00	3.65	6.65
Palmer Center,	27	38.00	7.33	45.33
	111	$114.25	$26.92	$141.17

SUMMARY.

Palmer Grammar School,	435	$624.25	$80.23	$704.48
Thorndike Grammar School,	214	245.17	42.53	287.70
Bondsville Grammar School,	242	386.16	49.74	435.90
Three Rivers Grammar School,	312	368.39	54.70	423.09
Districts,	111	114.25	26.92	141.17
	1,312	$1,738.22	$254.12	$1,992.34

From September 1, 1912, to February 1, 1913.

PALMER HIGH SCHOOL.

	157	$33.03	$29.00	23	16

PALMER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grades					
1,	55	$40.97	$35.00	25	15
1 and 2,	56	33.86	26.00	22	17
2,	52	57.85	58.00	35	26
3,	60	59.85	59.00	26	17
4,	47	35.33	34.00	24	17
4 and 5,	43	55.25	53.00	28	19
5 and 6,	42	60.43	59.00	27	23
6,	43	54.49	52.00	22	19
7,	36	44.70	39.00	18	14
8,	29	66.25	65.00	17	13
9,	27	.75	1.00	11	9
	490	$509.73	$481,00	255	189

THORNDIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grades					
1,	34	$22.73	$13.00	23	9
2,	40	39.05	32.00	34	22
3,	33	34.47	33.00	30	19
4 and 5,	47	37.07	32.00	30	23
6 and 7,	41	38.33	36.00	21	13
8 and 9,	32	31.55	32.00	13	12
	227	$203.20	$178.00	151	98

BONDSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grades					
1,	52	$81.51	$68.00	31	25
2,	48	55.03	51.00	32	30
3,	49	66.69	60.00	36	30
4 and 5,	50	58.56	58.00	30	28

6 and 7,	36	63.82	64.00	20	20
8 and 9,	26	11.76	12.00	10	7
	261	$337.37	$313.00	159	140

THREE RIVERS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grades					
1,	57	$37.28	$25.00	28	10
1 and 3,	40	19.63	15.00	26	15
2,	37	19.07	15.00	26	15
3,	48	50.90	41.00	37	23
3 and 4,	49	37.85	35.00	29	19
5 and 6,	50	30.01	28.00	31	25
6 and 7,	45	72.58	68.00	24	19
8 and 9,	24	52.75	52.00	15	13
	350	$320.07	$279.00	219	136
Districts,					
Wire Mill,	40	$43.21	$35.00	35	28
Shorley,	23	11.48	9.00	8	4
Center,	32	46.44	41.00	32	27
	95	$101.13	$85.00	75	59

SUMMARY.

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Three Rivers Grammar School,	350	320.07	279.00	219	136
Districts,	95	101.13	85.00	75	59
	1,580	$1,504.53	$1,365.00	882	638

Average total enrollment, 1,446.

Average total deposits, $3,496.87.

LIBRARY EXTENSION In last year's report, certain definite schemes relative to a possible co-operation between the local library and the Palmer schools were outlined. This year, we are pleased to report that, to a certain extent, some of those plans have been put into operation. Books have been installed in the Thorndike, Three Rivers, and Bondsville Grammar schools. Some forty books were sent to each school. These books were suited to pupils in grades four to nine, inclusive. The books are good standard literature, carefully selected from well graded lists of reading matter for Grammar school children. These books have been placed in the various schools for the purpose of creating in the children the habit of reading good literature. Reading so enters into the very life and character of the individual that it is highly important that, in his early years, he should be trained to read only that which is good and profitable. The reading habit, like many of our other habits, depends entirely upon the sort of guidance, direction, and influence that shall be brought to bear upon them. The average person will read with relish good literature, provided he has been brought in contact with it before he has been allowed to pervert his taste by having fed himself upon that which is trashy and cheap, This is our main object in putting library books into our public schools. The books have been in use in the schools but a few months; nevertheless, the evident appreciation of the opportunity to secure such books and the commendation of the plan by pupils and teachers seem to indicate the wisdom of such an installation.

HIGH SCHOOL The work that is being done in the High School today, in my opinion, is worthy of special commendation. There has been a complete change in the school in a great many respects. The discipline maintained is good; the spirit of the pupils toward their work is good; the general air about the entire school is wholesome; the instruction given is exceptionally good. This improvement has been steady and gradual, and, in my opinion, much

of it has been made possible by the constant, gradual, and steady tightening up along disciplinary lines. It is always impossible in school work to obtain good spirit, profitable instruction, and cheerful work unless the discipline is of the best. We are very fortunate in the possession of a very strong teaching corps in our High School. I question if ever a stronger one has been connected with the school. There are several features of the work of this school that I wish to speak of more specifically.

Last year, during the spring, an interesting prize speaking contest was held in the Opera House. Fifteen dollars in gold, given by one of our interested citizens, was offered as prizes. There were ten contestants, and each one spoke well. It was with much difficulty that the judges were enabled to render their decision.

A debate before the Palmer Historical Society by four boys from the High School was also very pleasing. The work done by the participants was of an extremely high order. It is safe to say that the caliber of this debate was far better than that of the average High School debate. The impression made by this feature of our school work upon the public was, I believe, very good.

This work in debating and prize speaking is simply an extension of the regular work that is carried on in the English department of our High School. Once a week the members of the sophomore class are called upon for rhetorical work; once a week the members of the junior and senior classes are called upon to give an oral presentation of some subject along the line of current events before the class. Most of the pupils use notes for guidance in doing this work. The design of this work is to train our boys and girls in speaking upon their feet upon any subject that they may be interested in in later life.

Many people have ideas while seated, but if called upon to express the same publicly upon their feet, they are absolutely unable to think a single thought. We hope by this training to eliminate this inability to a certain degree.

Each year the senior class presents a play in order to earn

money for a trip to Washington. These plays are worked up under the guidance and instruction of the English department. The last two plays have been very creditable.

This year, the High School has issued a paper. This paper will appear once a term, or four times a year. The paper is aptly called *The Palmer*. Thus far, one edition has come out. In my opinion this was a highly creditable effort. The articles written, the editorials, the grinds, the athletic news, and the alumni notes were all a credit to any paper of this nature.

The presentation of "The Trial Scene" from "The Merchant of Venice" by the sophomore class before the Historical Society, this year, was another commendable feature of our High School work. This was also very favorably received by those present.

All of these features are simply an extension of the regular work in the English department of our High School. The work and training that we are attempting to give the pupils in English is very good and extremely helpful. These public exhibitions are, for the most part, simply a demonstration of what is going on regularly within the walls of our High School. I believe that this training alone, to say nothing of the valuable instruction that the pupils are receiving in many other lines, warrants the existence of our High School and ought to command the heartiest moral and financial support from the citizens at large.

COMMERCIAL COURSE The Commercial department of our High School is today one of its strongest features. The work that is being done in the department is strong. We maintain, with a fair degree of certainty that our Commercial department is as strong and efficiently conducted as any similar department in any high school of our size in the state.

A great many of the smaller high schools have had Commercial departments for several years. Many of them installed them because they considered it the proper thing to do. They have in charge one teacher, generally a woman in-

structor. She endeavors to do the work of this department. together with what help she can get by placing her pupils in a regular class of the High School for instruction in commercial arithmetic, English, and kindred subjects. The product of such a department must necessarily be poor.

Until a year ago last September, we were endeavoring to do the same thing with one exception—we had a man instructor. It was realized that, if this department was to prove successful and warrant its continued existence, a marked change must take place in our method of procedure. Two exceptionally strong teachers, Mr. Clement and Miss McGrath, were secured as instructors. When I say strong instructors, I am positive that my judgment is correct, in that Mr. Clement has had since last June at least four opportunities to go elsewhere at a much larger salary than he is receiving from us, and Miss McGrath is now teaching in the public schools of Boston, having ranked the highest in her examinations for a position in these schools. Last year, the work of this department was placed upon a very firm basis. Instruction equal, if not superior, to that of any business school was given our pupils. This year, we filled the vacancy caused by Miss McGrath's resignation by employing Miss Fish. In my opinion, the employment of Miss Fish has still further strengthened our work. In order that pupils in the Commercial department receive real valuable instruction, it is necessary that they should have teachers who are sufficiently trained for their work. This means that they must have had practical office experience as well as special training for teaching. Both of our teachers have had this, and we deem ourselves very fortunate in the possession of such a force.

In maintaining a Commercial department it seems to me that there are two possible aims that may be responsible for the existence of such a course. The work of this department will depend entirely upon which aim is adopted. Commercial subjects may be taught as strictly technical subjects, or they may be taught as general cultural subjects. In the first instance, definite and specific training must be given. Pupils must be fitted to compete in the business world with the

graduates of the best business schools in the vicinity. This means the maintenance of a very efficient course. In the latter instance, where merely a general knowledge is to be given and where the pupil is not to compete with the product of other commercial schools, a commercial department may be conducted much more economically, inefficiently, and loosely than under the first requirement.

We early decided that our Commercial department should be conducted with the idea of making it as strictly vocational and technical as possible. This, we are doing and we feel perfectly free to allow our pupils to meet the graduates of the business schools of this vicinity in the business world, and we know that they will not be lost sight of in such a competition. In order to conduct our Commercial department upon this basis of efficiency, there are several important facts that must be taken into consideration.

In the first place, it must be realized that it will require a larger expenditure of money to efficiently establish and conduct such a commercial course than to maintain the other usual High School courses. Vocational education is much more expensive than cultural education. The high type of teacher, special equipment, facilities, material, larger room space—all of these are necessary and much more expensive than is ordinarily required for general school work.

The salaries, in the second place, that must be paid to efficient teachers of commercial subjects are higher than those paid the regular High School instructors. One of the reasons for this is that the demand far exceeds the supply. Commercial courses have been introduced into so many schools during the past few years that even a poorly equipped instructor can demand a fairly good salary. There are instances within my knowledge where pupils who have graduated from a high school and have taken a one year's business course have gone into high school commercial work at salaries equivalent to those paid college graduates who are teaching other school subjects. This shows you what the demand for commercial teachers is at the present time. You can readily understand, then,

in securing and keeping teachers of the caliber of those we have in our Commercial department that it is absolutely necessary for us to pay good salaries.

In the third place, the materials used for commercial work must be abundant and of good quality. It is safe to assume that the cost for commercial materials will average about twice the cost for supplies used in the other courses. Good results cannot be secured unless plenty of material of good quality is furnished.

In the fourth place, a commercial room properly equipped will not take care of nearly as many pupils as will the regular schoolroom. The larger desks and the installation of numerous office appliances take up much space. This equipment is expensive and calls for a large initial outlay.

In the fifth place, the individual student must be turned out from the commercial course with a greater degree of thoroughness and ability to accomplish results rapidly than is required from other High School graduates. This means that the student who pursues the commercial course ought to be a pupil of good ability. It further means that pupils who feel that the regular four years' course is too stiff a course for them to pursue ought not to attempt the commercial course. In ordinary school subjects, an average of eighty per cent is considered a good passing average. The eighty per cent commercial pupil is one who lacks the amount of proficiency and efficiency that the business world demands. The business world is the last place that the inefficient should enter to gain a livelihood. Commercial pupils must be pupils of good ability.

In the last place, it is necessary that the entire commercial instruction be given by specially prepared commercial teachers. It is impossible to secure the best results when you dovetail your commercial department's work with the work of the other departments of the High School. Special courses and special teachers for all subjects must be provided, if a strictly technical training is to be given.

The success of any commercial department run upon

purely technical lines will depend, to a large degree, upon the extent of consideration that is given the above-mentioned requisites. It is our endeavor to run our department as nearly as possible along these lines. In order to do it, the department must be supplied with sufficient money. The expenditure of a few more hundred dollars for this work will mean its success; the refusal to supply this additional money may mean its death. In my opinion, a half alive commercial department is no better than a dead one. If we cannot run a good department, I would advise that we run none. To prove some of the seeming assertions made in the remarks above, you will find below a table showing the wages commanded by our first graduating class. This class finished last June. Out of a class of twelve pupils, nine of them almost immediately secured positions. In fact, some of them secured places several months previous to their graduation. The other three are doing postgraduate work. This, alone, is a very commendable showing, and it will be further noted from the table that our graduates secured positions at salaries ranging from $350 to $650 per year. You will also note that the average salary received by these graduates, at a period within a year of their graduation, is $420.67 a year, or a weekly wage of $8.09. I believe that this will compare favorably with the graduates of any commercial school or commercial High School.

We have constant requests for pupils from the business men of Palmer. They have co-operated with us in placing our pupils to a large degree, and we feel that the success of our department is largely due to this co-operation. We shall recommend frankly pupils to those seeking office help. We shall tell them plainly what we consider their ability to be along the various lines. When we give our unqualified recommendation, we will gladly stand back of it. We intend to keep close watch over our graduates in order that we may learn how efficiently they are doing their work. In this way, we can strengthen our department wherever it may be weak.

SALARIES OF FIRST YEAR'S COMMERCIAL CLASS.

	Began.	Present.
	$660.00	$660.00
	300.00	500.00
	416.00	416.00
	416.00	416.00
	364.00	364.00
	393.12	393.12
	322.92	322.92
	250.00	350.00
	312.00	312.00
Total,	$3,434.04	$3,786.04
Average yearly wage,	381.56	420.67
Average weekly wage,	7.34	8.09

PENNMANSHIP

In the spring term of 1911, Mr. Harry Houston, Supervisor of Penmanship in the public schools of New Haven, Conn., was called to Palmer by the School Committee to examine the penmanship as produced by our schools and diagnose the trouble with the same. The penmanship secured at that time was extremely poor; comparatively little time and attention were given to this subject, apparently.

Mr. Houston has visited our schools about six times within the past two years. He has given talks to the teachers and has personally conducted lessons in penmanship in all of the rooms of our graded schools. The result has been that a marked improvement in the handwriting of the pupils has taken place. The teachers have become enthused, the pupils have had their interest awakened, and our schools are producing specimens of penmanship which are a source of pride to all who see them. The pupils write with a free and easy arm movement, which is pleasing to watch. Mr. Houston is very enthusiastic over the rapid progress that has been made and feels that much of it is due to the readiness of our teachers to accept and adopt the suggestions given by him.

The results of this training in the grades have been very apparent in the work of the Freshman Class in the commercial department of our High School this year. Mr. Clement, who teaches penmanship in the High School, was able within the first two months this year to secure as good, if not better, work in penmanship than he could possibly secure with the Freshman Class of the preceding year in June. The reason for this is that the pupils have been thoroughly trained in proper penholding, arm movement, and obedience to directions.

This work in penmanship is, in my opinion, very firmly established. It partakes of nothing of the nature of a "splurge" or "splash"; it has come to stay. In addition to the beneficial results that accrue from the formation of correct habits of handwriting, there are other results that, to my mind, are of more lasting importance.

It is a pleasure to witness the lessons in penmanship in our schools today. The enthusiasm and readiness of the pupils when the penmanship period is announced is very pleasing. The manner in which the forty or more pupils obey implicitly and immediately the various directions of the teacher in nearly every room in town is a thing worthy of being witnessed. I think those that visited our schools last May at the time of our annual exhibition were impressed with this fact. This was particularly true, I believe, at the exhibition given by the upper grades in the evening. We maintain that the habits of concentration and implicit obedience that are gained by this daily training in penmanship are habits of much value. In fact, I maintain that the discipline of mind secured from instruction in penmanship is worth more to the child than the actual ability to write prettily. In saying this, I do not mean to minimize the valuable acquisition of good handwriting; in fact, I place high value upon this ability. But in this study, as in all other studies, I believe that the primary value attained is that of mind discipline rather than the possession of certain specific facts. It is not so much what the child remembers after he has left school that will

be valuable to him in life as it is the ability to think clearly and logically, to be able to concentrate his mind upon the subject in hand, and to readily and willingly carry out the instructions of those who may be above him in authority.

LABOR CERTIFICATES

The matter of granting certificates to all minors between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one has been given very careful attention by the present superintendent. Within a few months of my induction into this office, I went through all of the large cotton mills granting certificates to all employes between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one.

In towns where compulsory night schools are maintained, all between these ages, who cannot read and write sufficiently well to do the work required in these subjects by third grade pupils at the time of their promotion to the next grade, must attend evening school. It is not, therefore, necessary, in Palmer that all between these ages must possess certificates stating whether or not they can read and write the English language. While it was not absolutely necessary that certificates should be granted to all of these, the present incumbent thought it would be for the best interests of the mills and schools if such certificates were granted. The law requires that all between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years must present an age and schooling certificate.

It was an easy matter under the previous conditions for a child who was large for his age to inform his employers that he was sixteen years of age. In fact, several employes were found in some of the mills who had not told the truth relative to their age. While they were sixteen at the time interviewed by the superintendent, nevertheless, they had been in the employ of the mills without certificates for a year or more when they were not sixteen years of age.

All minors who apply for certificates have to prove to the superintendent that they were born on the date specified by them. This can be done, if they are native born, by consulting the records of our town clerk. If they have been members of our schools, we have their ages on our registers for

several years back; then again, we have their ages given to the census enumerator. In case the school registers and the school enumeration do not agree and the child was not born in Palmer, we require a copy of their birth certificate. In case of foreign minors between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years, if there is any doubt in the mind of the superintendent that they are at least sixteen years of age, a copy of the birth certificate from the European country from which they came must be obtained. All ages given on these certificates have to be sworn to by the parent or guardian, in case the applicant has either. In this way, it is apparent that much care and caution are exercised in granting these certificates. This scheme has received the heartiest co-operation from all the factory employers. It also relieves them of all responsibility as to the presence of minors in their employment. If they are sure to require everyone to produce a certificate, there is absolutely no responsibility which devolves upon them; the superintendent assumes all of it.

Within a period of a year and a quarter, the school department has issued 183 illiterate minor's certificates, 66 literate minor's certificates, and 83 age and schooling certificates, making a total of 332 certificates issued. This gives some idea of the amount of work in tis one particular that is done by the school department.

INTERESTING FIGURES Last November the school department gleaned certain figures relative to the percentage of children of Polish parentage in our various schools. At the same time, figures relative to the number of operatives in the mills of Palmer of Polish extraction were likewise gleaned. These figures are of interest and are, therefore, given in this report.

MILLS.

	No of Operatives	No. of Polish Operatives	Per cent of Polish Operatives
Palmer Mill,	943	529	56.1
Bondsville Mill,	679	482	71.
Thorndike Mill,	600	240	40.
Wire Mill,	400	165	41.05
Carpet Mill,	100	4	4.
Total,	2,722	1,420	50.21

SCHOOLS.

Palmer.

	No. of Pupils	No. of Polish Pupils	Per cent. of Polish Pupils
Grades 1 to 6,	370	26	7
Grades 7 to 9,	87	5	5.75
Total,	457	31	6.78

Three Rivers.

Grades 1 to 6,	276	172	62.3
Grades 7 to 9,	41	4	9.75
Total,	317	176	55.5

Bondsville.

Grades 1 to 6,	218	106	48.6
Grades 7 to 9,	36	6	16.67
Total,	254	112	44

Thorndike.

Grades 1 to 6,	173	118	68.2
Grades 7 to 9,	48	8	16.67
Total,	221	126	59.4

High School.

	157	2	1.33

District Schools.			
Wire Mill,	41	4	10
Palmer Center,	32	0	0
Shorley,	18	4	22
Total,	91	8	9
Total of Schools	1497	455	30.4

In obtaining these figures, we had several purposes in mind, one of which was the introduction of cooking into our schools. There is no question but that there is a need of teaching our girls how to properly cook foods. This is true of all classes of children, but particularly true of those who are unable to secure such instruction from their parents at home, who, themselves, are unfamiliar with American ways of cooking.

The results upon the mind and body of a person from eating properly cooked foods are unquestionably vital. The school has recognized it as its duty in hundreds and thousands of cities throughout the United States to give instruction along this line.

The installation of such a course in our grades would not be very expensive; but whether or not it is expensive does not alter the fact that this installation is imperative. When we speak of introducing cooking, we mean the teaching of the cooking of the common everyday foods, and not fancy cooking. The great difficulty that we would have to overcome would be the planning of our work so that we could reach some of the children who need it most who are in our lower grades. So many children leave school as soon as they are fourteen that if we taught this subject only in the last three grades, as will be seen from the figures above, only a few would receive the benefit. I know from personal conversation with some of the mill agents of our large mills in town that they are interested in the introduction of such a course. I trust that the time is not far distant when we shall be able to have cooking as a part of our regular school work.

This past year we have kept a careful expense account

with each individual school in order that we might be able to determine definitely the cost of each. We herewith present in tabular form the results of our labor.

Comparison of Same Towns. Maximum and Minimum Salaries Paid in High School and Grades.

	Principal		Assistant Principal		Teachers		Grammar Principal	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Montague,	$1,400.00	$1,400.00	$750.00	$1,000.00	$500.00	$700.00	$400.00	$650.00
Greenfield,		1,800.00		1,700.00	700.00	870.00		600.00
Ware,	1,500.00	1,700.00			600.00	850.00	800.00	1,000.00
North Attleboro,	1,400.00	1,750.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	600.00	800.00	650.00	800.00
Great Barrington,		2,000.00	800.00	900.00	550.00	750.00	612.00	750.00
Braintree,	1,500.00	1,700.00			600.00	800.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Danvers,	1,600.00	2,000.00	900.00	1,200.00	550.00	1,000.00	700.00	900.00
Whitman,		1,600.00	800.00	1,100.00	500.00	825.00		1,100.00
Saugus,	1,500.00	1,700.00	800.00	1,000.00	600.00	650.00	550.00	750.00
Athol,	1,600.00	1,800.00	700.00	1,000.00	500.00	700.00	850.00	1,000.00
Northbridge,	1,400.00	1,800.00			400.00	750.00	600.00	700.00
Easthampton,		1,500.00			550.00	650.00		750.00
Amherst,		1,750.00	800.00	900.00	600.00	650.00	550.00	700.00
Methuen,						800.00		
West Springfield,		1,800.00			600.00	1,000.00	625.00	1,000.00
Gardner,	1,800.00	1,900.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	600.00	750.00	550.00	600.00
Concord,		1,800.00		1,400.00	600.00	800.00		1,200.00
Andover,	1,800.00	2,000.00	900.00	1,200.00	750.00	850.00	600.00	850.00
Winchester,		2,300.00		1,600.00	750.00	900.00	1,500.00	1,800.00
Middleboro,		2,200.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	600.00	700.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Norwood,		1,700.00				850.00		1,500.00
Milton,	2,200.00	2,500.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	750.00	1,000.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Average.	1,609.09	1,842.86	962.50	1,226.67	595.00	802.05	761.69	964.29
Palmer,	1,200.00	1,600.00			600.00	700.00	608.00	608.00

SALARIES

Inquiries were sent out to some twenty-two towns whose population or valuation compared favorably with that of Palmer. In a few instances the population is considerably larger than ours, and in four or five instances, the valuation is largely in excess of ours. The statistics of these twenty-two towns have been tabulated, and comparison has been made between the statistics of Palmer and the average of the statistics of the other towns. It will be seen, in glancing at this table, that the average population is slightly less than ours, and the valuation is exceedingly larger than that of Palmer, primarily due to the fact that we included towns like Milton, Winchester, Norwood, and Greenfield, some of which, although not larger in population, are much wealthier in valuation. It will be readily seen that, if we omitted from the valuation column the towns of Milton, Norwood, Winchester, and Greenfield, this would decrease the total valuation of these twenty-two towns some sixty-three million dollars, and, if we divided the total valuation by the remaining eighteen towns, that we secure an average valuation of a little more than $6,000,000.

A comparison of the school expenditure and the cost per pupil shows that Palmer is considerably under the average of these towns. The amount appropriated for every $1,000 of valuation for school purposes is larger in Palmer than is the average of these towns. This is due to our smaller valuation.

In glancing at the salaries paid in our High School and paid to the principals of our Grammar schools, it is soon evident that those of Palmer are considerably under the average of the towns compared. We pay the principal of our High School nearly $250 less than the maximum paid by the average of these towns. In fact, there are only two towns which pay less than Palmer, while there are about eighteen that pay more. We pay our High School principal $1,600; the average paid by these towns is $1,842.86. The average wage paid to women teachers in the High schools is $802.05; our maximum is $700, $100 less. There are only three towns who pay less than we do; there are sixteen towns that pay more.

The average maximum paid Grammar principals is $964.29; our maximum is $608. There is a wide discrepancy in the maximums paid to the principals. There are only two towns that pay less than we; all the others pay more, and most of them considerably more.

Our teaching corps in the High School is the strongest, in our opinion, that we have ever had. Our High School is steadily growing in numbers and the classes that are taught are consequently larger. During the past year, two of our High School teachers have been offered opportunities to leave us at much larger salaries. One teacher was offered $550 more than his present salary; the other was offered an increase of $250. We wish to maintain as efficient a High School as any of the towns of our size. To do this, we must pay at least as much money to our High School teachers as do they. I would suggest that an increase be made.

The Grammar School principals have been working with $608 as a maximum for many years. I, for a fact, know that the maximum has not been changed within a period of eight years. The amount of work that we ask our principals to do is far in excess of the salary we pay. It seems to me that a principal who is compelled to teach every minute of the day either one or two grades, take charge of the supplies, discipline, etc., of a building with 220 to 470 pupils is entitled to more than $608 a year. The only reason that we can retain our four Grammar School principals at our present salary is simply and solely that they all live in town. I can assure you that were this not the fact, we would not be able to hold such capable principals for the money that we offer. With them, then, it is not a question of whether or not an increase in salary will retain them; it is simply a question of paying the laborer his due; it is not a question of expediency, but a question of right.

I believe that an increase should be given to our High School principal and teachers and to our Grammar School principals. There is no question but that our grade teachers are entitled to more money and I hope in time the wisdom of increasing their salaries will likewise be considered.

COMPARISON OF TWENTY-TWO TOWNS.

Town	Population 1910	Valuation 1910	School Expenditures 1910-11	Cost Per Pupil	Amount Appropriated per $1000 of Valuation
Montague,	$6,866	$4,222,955.00	$34,415.69	$32.50	$7.90
Greenfield,	10,427	10,130,132.00	50,082.54	30.58	4.87
Ware,	8,774	4,814,775.00	34,055.08	30.38	6.99
North Attleboro,	9,562	7,732,240.00	41,802.09	29.73	5.41
Great Barrington,	5,926	6,030,715.00	31,635.74	31.02	5.03
Braintree,	8,066	6,265,880.00	44,777.57	30.46	6.92
Danvers,	9,407	6,470,425.00	44,005.43	29.73	6.55
Whitman,	7,202	4,994,721.00	34,399.11	27.74	6.68
Saugus,	8,047	5,510,516.00	40,720.01	26.02	7.26
Athol,	8,536	4,643,701.00	32,029.60	25.77	6.50
Northbridge,	8,807	4,594,600.00	34,025.10	23.47	7.39
Easthampton,	8,524	5,961,261.00	25,233.92	23.17	4.00
Amherst,	5,112	3,877,639.00	21,946.04	24.14	5.13
Methuen,	11,448	7,198,034.00	41,643.13	23.12	5.40
West Springfield,	9,224	7,319,159.00	40,562.65	22.76	5.16
Gardner,	14,699	8,245,905.00	52,464.10	29.07	6.26
Concord,	6,421	7,319,263.00	41,537.09	40.45	4.69
Andover,	7,301	6,737,207.00	38,363.94	33.59	5.12
Winchester,	9,309	12,758,750.00	60,170.82	35.39	4.67
Middleboro,	8,214	4,644,805.00	34,540.29	26.78	6.89
Norwood,	8,014	14,033,280.00	47,953.32	31.28	3.40
Milton,	7,924	26,689,650.00	76,821.08	54.48	2.88
Average,	8,540.91	7,934,559.09	42,642.48	31.35	6.04
Palmer,	8,610	4,364,687.00	34,950.30	28.12	7.83

INSURANCE

In 1908, new insurance rates were promulgated upon the Thorndike and Three Rivers Grammar schools, raising the insurance from a rate of 1½ per cent to 3 per cent, and upon the Bondsville Grammar and District schools, raising them from 2¼ to 3 per cent. These new rates would go into effect as soon as the policies, then in existence, expired.

During last year and this year, many of these policies have expired or will soon expire. Unless a reduction in rate was secured, this would mean that our total premiums would have increased some $600 for a period of five years, or an average of $120 per year. About a year ago this time, the Superintendent took up the matter of insurance with the New England Insurance Exchange. This is the board that fixes the rates of insurance for all legitimate companies doing business in New England. As a result of these communications and visits by the members of this Exchange, some minor reductions were secured.

Not content with these reductions, further efforts were made to secure a fair rate, in our opinion. These agents visited all of the village schools, looked them over thoroughly, were shown the fire protection that the mill companies afforded in each village, and agreed with us that a better rate ought to be given.

We were supposed to be carrying 80 per cent of insurance upon our buildings and contents. The total insurance carried was $109,450. In order to be certain what the value of our buildings was at the present day, a careful estimate was made of all by a competent builder, and a careful estimate of the value of the contents of all of the buildings was also made. As a result of this, it was found that the total building value was $164,638, and that the total contents value was $18,900, or a grand total of $183,538. In figuring 80 per cent of the value of our buildings and 90 per cent of the value of the contents, we discovered that we should carry $131,000 on our buildings and $17,000 on our contents, or a total of $148,000 of insurance.

Under the previous conditions, if we had suffered a partial loss by fire, it would have been found that we were not carrying, as we had agreed in our policies, 80 per cent of the value. If, for instance, it was found that we were carrying only 60 per cent, we would have to be a co-insurer to the extent of some 40 per cent instead of 20 per cent. If we suffered a partial loss of some $20,000, under these conditions, instead of

getting the full amount of our loss, we would have received only about three-fourths of what we should have received.

We decided that this was not a safe business policy to pursue any longer; consequently the School Committee decided to insure the school property of the town at 80 per cent of its value on buildings and 90 per cent on contents, provided a lower rate could be secured. After numerous conferences between the Superintendent and the New England Exchange, a rate of 1½ per cent on all school property of the town was given with the understanding that we should insure our buildings under the 80 per cent clause and our contents under the 90 per cent clause, with a further contingency of our having installed, in front of the Bondsville School, a hydrant for fire purposes as soon as possible, and also in the course of time similar provision should be made in Thorndike.

The installation in Bondsville will cost about $100. A request for this amount of money has been placed in the warrant this year. The installation in Thorndike is a matter that ought to be taken up at some future time. It will be more expensive than the one in Bondsville, inasmuch as the water main will have to be run across the river.

This method of insuring our property is the only method that we could honestly adopt. Furthermore, we can do this at a cost of about $200 less than if no reductions had been secured. Under the rates of 1908, for $109,450 worth of insurance we would have paid a total premium of $2,391. Under the new rate, which will go into effect on April 1, 1913, we shall carry $148,000 worth of insurance, an increase of nearly $40,000, at a cost of $2,220.

I call your attention to tables in the Appendix, showing the estimated value of school property and the amount of insurance carried upon each building.

MUSIC

The study of music in public schools is no longer considered a cultural study. Educators agree that it trains the mind in habits of accuracy. Rapid interval drill, naming time values quickly, and combining these in staff exercises to be sung at

sight are processes which aim to discipline the minds of individuals and classes in the same way as does mental arithmetic.

Pupils individually are trained to sing carefully at sight so that they may become an intelligent part of a chorus. This is secured by means of the Individual Series; and by the time the pupils have reached the third grade, they begin to do choral work from books. In grade four, two voice work starts; in grade six, three voice work is begun; in grades seven, eight, and nine, four voice work is taken up.

The pupils of our Grammar grades sing such high class songs as "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin, "Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust, "Heavens Resound" by Beethoven, and kindred songs. The readiness with which the pupils "tackle" this difficult music is a source of great satisfaction.

It is the desire of the Supervisor of Music and the Superintendent to have each Grammar School give a concert in the near future. Money might be raised in this manner to equip each building with a Victor or Columbia Player. These would be excellent acquisitions for the study of music appreciation, and have already been adopted in many school systems.

We feel the lack of assembly halls in our work in music and in giving public exhibitions very keenly. This is also true in the High School; here, the largest room that we have will accommodate some eighty pupils, or about one-half of the High School enrollment.

The High School chorus has manifested excellent spirit. Twice last year, they sang creditably in public; and this year, they have or will appear on three occasions. We are anticipating furnishing a cantata for the High School chorus to work upon, which will be given publicly at some time in the immediate future.

MANUAL ARMS

The work in drawing this year has been carried along on similar lines to that of the previous year. Very definite outlines are made out each term by the supervisor; these are typewritten and

placed in the hands of each teacher. In this way, there is a definite plan in the possession of the teacher so that she may be guided carefully and definitely along certain lines. A well connected scheme for the entire year's work evinces itself in these outlines as they appear term by term.

Drawing in the public schools should cultivate the sense of beauty, should foster the ability to clearly and distinctly visualize images in the mind, should impart a practical skill in the use of the pencil, brush, and crayon, should furnish a means of self-expression other than by the written or spoken word, and should stimulate the creative faculties. As will be seen from these aims, drawing must be carefully and thoroughly taught in order to produce the desired results. Drawing should not be taught purely as a mechanical subject; neither should it be taught as a mere accomplishment. A happy medium should be sought. We are endeavoring to secure this happy medium, and I believe that our results, as evidenced by the specimens that are always on exhibition in the various school rooms, are in harmony with the goal we have in mind.

The work in sloyd and sewing bears strong resemblance to the work of last year. The boys of the eighth and ninth grades take sloyd work once each week; likewise the girls have sewing once each week.

At our exhibition each year, specimens of their handwork are shown for public inspection. The value of this work cannot be gainsaid. I wish it were possible to make more of sloyd and sewing in our High School. These two subjects are optional with High School pupils. There is no time during the regular school period that can be devoted to such work. In order to do this, the pupils must return in the afternoon. This does not seem to appeal to them as a thing worth doing. Owing to the fact that so many of our pupils live in the villages it would be a matter of expense and possible inconvenience were we to make either of these subjects compulsory in the afternoon. There seems to be no way to solve the question for High School pupils.

TEACHERS

I wish to express briefly, yet sincerely, my deep appreciation of the fine spirit that has been shown me by the entire teaching corps of Palmer.

The teachers are working hard and conscientiously; in fact, many of them have confessed to me privately that they have never worked so hard since they began teaching. Yet, in spite of this hard work, everyone has agreed that they have spent one of the pleasantest and most profitable years of their teaching life.

It has always been my experience that, when teachers know for a fact that the superintendent is ready to stand back of them, is ready to criticise frankly their work, is anxious to make them more efficient in the discharge of their duties, is frank, yet sympathetic, they were always desirous of working hard to discharge their task to the best of their ability.

There is as much pleasure for a superintendent in watching a teacher grow as there is for a teacher in watching a pupil grow in his ability. I realize that I have made many requests from the teachers which have called for good, hard work, and I must also admit that they have responded every time with a willingness of spirit that has been very pleasing. The vim and enthusiasm of many of them would surprise you. In fact, I know of no profession, as a whole, which has so many demands made upon it, which meets these demands as willingly, and which keeps so thoroughly enthused about its work, as does the teaching profession.

With loyal teachers who are willing and anxious workers, a superintendent who cannot produce schools of good quality is not worthy of his office. Words do not suffice to express my appreciation of our teaching corps.

CONCLUSION

Although I have not covered, by any means much of the matter that I would like to present to you, I feel that I have sufficiently trespassed upon your time and patience.

In writing a school report, the question of "what to write" is nothing compared with that of "what not to write."

There are so many things that are pressing for publicity that only the wise superintendent can select those which are most important. There are two ways only that the superintendent may secure the eyes of his constituency; namely,—the public press and the school report. If he uses the public press too much, he is doubtless accused of being an "advertiser." The school report, then, is the only means by which he can safely get his ideas before the people. This is our reason for dealing with many of the subjects that we do. This is responsible for the personal tone of much of the contents of this report. It is absolutely impossible to avoid the use of the personal pronoun "I." All that we ask is that you be charitable enough to give us credit for desiring to show what we have done and what we hope to do, and not to "show off" the same.

In concluding, allow me to express my appreciation for the cordial support and co-operation that has been afforded me by the citizens and parents. I appreciate the good-will of the pupils, the faithfulness of the teachers, and the confidence of the School Committee. Certainly the School Committee has accorded me the widest freedom in the discharge of my duties. They have willingly accepted by judgment in many matters of importance. This judgment has been accepted only after the Committee has felt confident of its worth. Surely, if the schools of Palmer have not progressed in the past year, and are not progressing at the present time, the fault lies entirely at the door of the superintendent. The responsibility has been placed upon his shoulders, as plenty of latitude in which to carry out his own ideas has been granted him. If, then, the results are not good, he has no cloak behind which to hide. This is exactly the condition under which the present incumbent enjoys working.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON H. HOBSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Palmer, Mass., February 28, 1913.

B. GENERAL STATISTICS.

I. Population.

Census of 1910,	8,610
School population, September 1, 1911, 5 to 15 years of age,	1,533
School population, September 1, 1912, 5 to 15 years of age,	1,672

II. Pupils.

Number of children in town, September 1, as taken from the school census and registers:

	1910-11	1911-12
Between ages of 7 and 14,	1,175	1,332
Aggregate enrollment, Sept. to June,	1,412	1,618
Average daily attendance,	1,244.56	1,333.62
Average number belonging,	1,298.90	1,411.33
Per cent of attendance,	95.23	94.49
Average number of pupils to each teacher:		
In the High School,	18.25	19.13
In the other schools,	36.6	38.6

V. Per Cent of Attendance by Buildings.

1911-1912.

School.	Per Cent.
High,	96.11
Palmer,	94.75
Thorndike,	92.76
Bondsville,	97.36
Three Rivers,	95.29
Wire Mill,	93.57
Center,	96.4
Forest Lake,	85.65
Shorley,	93

VI. Comparison of Enrollment by Rooms, December 1, 1911 and 1912.

High School.	1911	1912
	146	153

Palmer.	1911	1912
Grade 9,	33	27
Grade 8,	33	27
Grade 7,	35	36
Grade 6,	43	39
Grades 5 and 6,	52	40
Grades 4 and 5,	*	41
Grade 4,	48	44
Grade 3,	48	53
Grade 2,	49	53
Grades 1 and 2,	44	51
Grade 1,	44	55
	429	466

*New room opened.

Three Rivers.	1911	1912
Grades 8 and 9,	24	22
Grades 6 and 7,	46	41
Grades 5 and 6,	33	47
Grades 3 and 4,	43	49
Grade 3,	38	45
Grade 2,	38	36
Grades 1 and 2,	42	38
Grade 1,	44	46
	308	324

Bondsville.	1911	1912
Grades 8 and 9,	20	24
Grades 6 and 7,	34	34
Grades 4 and 5,	36	49
Grade 3,	47	48
Grade 2,	53	46
Grade 1,	56	51
	246	252

Thorndike.	1911	1912
Grades 8 and 9,	27	30

Grades 6 and 7,	34	40
Grades 4 and 5,	37	47
Grade 3,	31	33
Grades 1 and 2,	37	39
Grade 1,	46	33
	212	222
Districts.	1911	1912
Forest Lake,	19	
Shorley,	18	18
Center,	27	31
Wire Mill,	46	38
	110	87
	1911	1912
Total, all schools,	1,451	1,504

VII. Distribution of Pupils by Classes in Schools, October 1, 1912.

	Palmer	Three Rivers	Bondsville	Thorndike	Wire Mill	Center	Shorley	Forest Lake	High School	Total
Grade 1,	95	64	51	34	12	9	5	2		272
Grade 2,	64	51	48	39	11	2	1	2		218
Grade 3,	54	58	47	34	10	3	6	3		215
Grade 4,	55	35	25	20	7	3	2	2		149
Grade 5,	62	33	25	28		4		1		153
Grade 6,	51	32	22	20		8	5	1		139
Grade 7,	33	20	13	20						86
Grade 8,	28	15	14	13						70
Grade 9,	26	8	11	19						64
Freshman,									50	50
Sophomore,									47	47
Junior,									30	30
Senior,									25	25
Post Graduate,									5	5
	468	316	256	227	40	29	19	11	157	1,523

VIII. Age and Grade Distribution Table in Elementary Schools, October 1, 1912.

	Grade.									
Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
4	14									14
5	114	6								120
6	92	72	6							170
7	**29**	63	55	1						148
8	12	**54**	62	32	5					165
9	2	10	**45**	45	28	2				132
10	3	9	24	**27**	43	25				131
11	2	2	10	21	**35**	41	24	4		139
12			1	11	23	**32**	32	17	1	117
13			5	6	11	26	**24**	24	30	126
14	1		3	2	7	9	6	**16**	21	65
15				2		2		9	**11**	24
16						1			1	2
Total,	269	216	211	147	152	138	86	70	64	1,353
Above Normal Age,	20	21	43	42	41	38	6	9	1	221
Per Cent Above Normal Age,	7.43	9.72	20.38	28.57	26.97	27.54	6.98	12.85	1.56	16.33

The figures written in black indicate the number of pupils within and below the normal grade age.

IX. PROMOTIONS IN THE GRADES.

Year Ending June, 1912.

Grade	No. of Pupils in Grade in June	Promoted Unconditionally	Promoted Conditionally	Not Promoted	Per cent Not Promoted
I,	257	179	4	74	28.79
II,	233	186	15	32	13.73
III,	150	134	6	10	6.67
IV,	133	119	7	7	5.26
V,	142	114	15	13	9.15
VI.	102	71	17	14	13.73
VII,	82	68	11	3	3.66
VIII.	70	68	2	0	0
IX,	58	*58	0	0	0
	1,227	997	77	153	12.74

X. REPEATERS IN THE GRADES.

December 1, 1912.

Grade	Number Belonging	Number Repeating	Per cent Repeating
I,	269	65	24.17
II,	215	32	14.88
III,	207	7	3.38
IV,	143	7	4.89
V,	154	8	5.19
VI,	133	8	6.02
VII,	83	5	6.02
VIII,	64	2	3.13
IX,	63	1	1.59
	1,331	135	10.14

XI. Average Number of Pupils per Teacher in the Palmer Schools.

December 1, 1911 and 1912.

School	Enrollment		Number of Teachers		Average Number of Pupils per Teacher	
	1911	1912	1911	1912	1911	1912
High,	146	153	8	8	18.25	19.13
Palmer Grammar,	429	466	10	11	42.9	42.36
Thorndike Grammar,	212	222	6	6	35.33	37
Three Rivers Grammar,	308	324	8	8	38.5	40.5
Bondsville Grammar,	246	252	6	6	41	42
Shorley,	18	18	1	1	18	18
Palmer Center,	27	31	1	1	27	31
Forest Lake,	19	*	1	0	19	*
Wire Mill,	46	38	2	2	23	19
All Schools,	1,451	1,504	43	43	33.74	34.98
High,	146	153	8	8	18.25	19.13
Grades,	1,195	1,264	30	31	39.83	40.77
Districts,	110	87	5	4	22	21.75

*Closed.

*Three allowed to graduate, but with the understanding that they could not enter High School.

D. TABLE OF COMPARISON.

1. Comparison of Attendance for Ten Years.

Year	1902-3	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7
Av. membership,	978.82	1031.64	1107.91	1084.67	1039.24
Av. attendance,	901.82	964.83	1045.92	1040.47	982
Per cent attend.,	92.14	93.58	94.4	95.4	94.49
	1907-8	1908-9	1909-10	1910-11	1911-12
	1151.19	1193.56	1243.38	1298.9	1411.33
	1094.03	1130.3	1157.35	1244.56	1333.62
	95	94.7	95	95.23	94.49

E. INSURANCE.

1. Total Estimated Value of Building and Contents.

OCTOBER, 1912.

School	Building	Contents	Total
Palmer High,	$37,250.00	$5,150.00	$42,400.00
Palmer Grammar,	41,050.00	4,500.00	45,550.00
Three Rivers Grammar,	30,162.00	3,000.00	33,162.00
Thorndike Grammar,	32,175.00	2,700.00	34,875.00
Bondsville Grammar,	15,718.00	2,500.00	18,218.00
Districts:			
Wire Mill,	3,732.00	350.00	4,082.00
Palmer Center,	1,872.00	330.00	2,202.00
Shorley,	888.00	190.00	1,078.00
Forest Lake,	1,791.00	180.00	1,971.00
	$164,638.00	$18,900.00	$183,538.00

II. INSURANCE UPON SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Buildings	Amount of Insurance
Palmer High School,	$30,000.00
Palmer Grammar School,	32,500.00
Thorndike Grammar School,	25,500.00
Three Rivers Grammar School,	24,000.00
Bondsville Grammar School,	12,500.00
Wire Mill School,	2,900.00

Palmer Center School,	1,500.00	
Forest Lake School,	1,400.00	
Shorley School,	700.00	
Contents,	17,000.00	
		$148,000.00

Total Insurance,	$148,000.00
Total Premiums,	2,200.00
Average Yearly Premiums,	440.00

F. SCHOOL ORGANIZATION.

MARCH 1, 1913.

SUPERINTENDENT.

Year Appointed.		Salary. Superintendent
1911	Clifton H. Hobson,	$1,900.00

HIGH SCHOOL.

1906	Lee T. Gray, Principal, History,	1,600.00
1904	Genevra F. Clark, Latin,	700.00
1906	Pauline C. Melius, Mathematics,	700.00
1910	Eleanor F. Toolin, French and German,	700.00
1911	Rufus W. Clement, Commercial,	1,250.00
1912	Carrie J. Fish, Commercial,	700.00
1912	Clarence W. Lombard, Science,	700.00
1912	Alice E. Wyman, English,	700.00

PALMER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1900	Elizabeth I. Heenehan, Principal, Grade IX,	$608.00
1909	Agnes I. Mahoney, Grade VIII,	494.00
1912	Ruth Elvin, Grade VII,	380.00
1912	S. Leola Franklin, Grade VI,	380.00
1911	Beatrice L. Dillon, Grades V and VI,	418.00
1912	Elizabeth Dempsey, Grades IV and V,	380.00
1911	Susan M. Ballou, Grade IV,	494.00

1911	Hazel B. Caryl, Grade III,	456.00
1906	Jennie C. Roche, Grade II,	494.00
1911	Marie J. Knobel, Grades I and II,	456.00
1911	Rose A. Duffy, Grade I,	418.00

THORNDIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1891	Katharine M. Twiss, Prin., Grades VIII and IX,	$608.00
1911	Florence I. Sampson, Grades VI and VII,	418.00
1910	Bridget Griffin, Grades IV and V,	456.00
1912	Mary I. Hartnett, Grade III,	380.00
1912	Deborah Healey, Grade II,	380.00
1874	Mary E. Murdock, Grade I,	494.00

THREE RIVERS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1890	Annie E. O'Connor, Prin., Grades VIII and IX,	$608.00
1910	Luna Whitlock, Grades VI and VII,	494.00
1912	Grace A. Walsh, Grades V and VI,	380.00
1910	Nellie L. Twiss, Grades III and IV,	456.00
1896	Lucy B. Twiss, Grade III,	494.00
1911	Mae C. Fitzgerald, Grade II,	418.00
1909	Flora Morey, Grades I and II,	456.00
1912	Clara L. O'Connor, Grade I,	380.00

BONDSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1894	Jennie C. Twiss, Prin., Grades VIII and IX,	$608.00
1908	Lucy Fitzgerald, Grades VI and VII,	494.00
1912	Zilpha Sturtevant, Grades IV and V,	380.00
1911	Genevieve Reilley, Grade III,	456.00
1911	Mary E. Quirk, Grade II,	418.00
1911	Bessie M. Donnelly, Grade I,	418.00

PALMER CENTER SCHOOL.

1901	May E. Mahoney, Grades 1 to VI,	$494.00

SHORLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL.

1909	Maude V. Foley, Grades 1 to VI,	$456.00

WIRE MILL SCHOOL.

1909	Margaret E. Scannell, Grades III and IV,	$494.00
1912	Elizabeth A. Shea, Grades I and II,	380.00

DRAWING AND MANUAL TRAINING.

1910 Anna D. McAuliffe, $800.00

MUSIC.

1897 Joanna V. Cantwell, $500.00

C. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS.

I. Attendance by Rooms, 1911-1912.

Schools	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Tardiness	Enrolment
High,	136.86	131.67	96.11	85	152
Palmer:					
Grade 9,	32.85	32.26	98.2	3	34
Grade 8,	32.04	31.34	97.81	2	33
Grade 7,	33.7	32.53	97.04	1	36
Grade 6,	42.18	40.81	96.70	1	43
Grade 5,	50.62	48.92	97.11	1	56
Grade 4,	47.79	45.95	95.72	10	50
Grade 3,	48.85	46.55	95.33	5	61
Grade 2,	46.28	42.56	91.9	16	69
Grades 1 and 2,	46.7	39.6	89.5	15	52
Grade 1,	50.53	44.58	88.22	23	79
Thorndike:					
Grades 8 and 9,	27.34	26.46	96.75	4	28
Grades 6 and 7,	34.29	32.59	95.14	1	39
Grades 4 and 5,	35.16	33.17	94.37	4	38
Grades 3 and 4,	32.3	29.65	94.53	5	33
Grade 2,	34.96	32.7	84.1	8	38
Grade 1,	45.06	41.32	91.69	6	51
Bondsville:					
Grades 8 and 9,	19.97	19.72	98.74	0	20
Grades 6 and 7,	32.77	32.37	98.8	0	39
Grades 4 and 5,	34.90	33.95	97.55	1	37
Grades 3 and 4,	46.03	44.74	97.20	2	50
Grade 2,	49.77	48.29	97.03	6	57
Grade 1,	52.2	48.51	94.84	4	66

Schools	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Tardiness	Enrollment
Three Rivers:					
Grades 8 and 9,	21.47	20.82	96.74	0	24
Grades 6 and 7,	45.08	42.92	95.15	7	47
Grade 5,	31.69	30.51	96.25	7	33
Grade 4,	39.02	37.74	96.11	1	46
Grade 3,	36.15	34.55	95.57	6	45
Grade 2,	37.29	35.17	94.32	12	44
Grades 1 and 2,	40.60	35.50	94.25	10	44
Grade 1,	43.01	40.04	93.90	12	52
Wire Mill,	44.6	41.94	93.57	46	54
Center,	25.1	24.2	96.4	9	30
Forest Lake,	17.1	15.22	85.65	64	19
Shorley,	17.07	15.95	93.	32	19

II. ATTENDANCE BY SCHOOLS.

1911-1912.

High,	136.86	131.67	96.11	85	152
Palmer Grammar,	431.53	405.09	94.75	83	513
Thorndike Grammar,	209.11	195.89	92.76	31	227
Bondsville Grammar,	235.64	227.58	97.36	16	269
Three Rivers Grammar,	294.32	276.08	95.29	63	335
Wire Mill,	44.6	41.94	93.57	51	54
Center,	25.1	24.2	96.4	9	30
Forest Lake,	17.1	15.22	85.65	61	19
Shorley,	17.07	15.95	93	32	19
	1,411.33	1,333.62	94.49	431	1,618

III. ATTENDANCE BY ROOMS.

Fall Term, 1912.

High,	149.85	145.33	96.96	12	157
Palmer:					
Grade 9,	26.03	25.83	99.23	0	27
Grade 8,	27.23	26.49	97.28	0	29

Schools	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Tardiness	Enrollment
Grade 7,	34	34	100	1	36
Grade 6,	38.02	37.57	98.80	2	43
Grades 5 and 6,	40.46	39.79	98.34	2	42
Grades 4 and 5,	41.75	40.82	97.77	2	43
Grade 4,	44.27	43.23	97.64	2	47
Grade 3,	51.43	49.51	96.26	2	60
Grade 2,	51.31	49.92	97.29	1	52
Grades 1 and 2,	50.13	47.32	94.35	15	56
Grade 1,	53.51	50.73	94.8	7	55
Thorndike:					
Grades 8 and 9,	30.13	29.28	97.17	0	32
Grades 6 and 7,	38.79	37.52	95.26	0	41
Grades 4 and 5,	46.06	44.03	95.61	2	47
Grade 3,	32.24	30.88	95.8	0	33
Grade 2,	38.68	36.56	95.04	1	40
Grade 1,	32.34	30.93	95.62	3	34
Bondsville:					
Grades 8 and 9,	24.18	23.74	98.13	0	26
Grades 6 and 7,	34.52	33.9	98.2	0	36
Grades 4 and 5,	48.12	46.74	97.09	0	50
Grade 3,	47.11	45.91	97.30	1	49
Grade 2,	46.75	44.87	95.87	2	48
Grade 1,	48.83	45.92	93.93	4	52
Three Rivers:					
Grades 8 and 9,	22.14	21.83	98.53	0	24
Grades 6 and 7,	41.38	38.7	93.53	1	45
Grades 4 and 5,	45.08	43.01	95.41	3	50
Grades 3 and 4,	46.06	43.78	95.17	5	49
Grade 3,	45.1	42.99	95.32	3	48
Grade 2,	35.4	34.09	96.29	3	37
Grades 1 and 2,	34.58	33.41	96.39	2	40
Grade 1,	46.16	44.12	95.92	12	57

ATTENDANCE BY ROOMS.

Fall Term, 1912.

Schools	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Tardiness	Enrollment
Districts:					
Wire Mill,	38.65	37.84	97.95	5	40
Center,	28.15	27.86	98.99	2	32
Shorley,	22.60	22.15	98	0	23

IV. ATTENDANCE BY SCHOOLS.

Fall Term, 1912.

High,	149.85	145.33	96.96	12	157
Palmer Grammar,	458.14	445.21	97.43	34	490
Thorndike Grammar,	218.24	209.2	95.75	6	227
Bondsville Grammar,	249.51	241.08	96.75	7	261
Three Rivers Grammar,	315.90	301.93	95.82	29	350
Wire Mill,	38.65	37.84	97.95	5	40
Center,	28.15	27.86	98.99	2	32
Shorley,	22.60	22.15	98	0	23
Total,	1481.04	1430.60	97.20	95	1580

"no-school" signal.

The signal is given by direction of the Superintendent of Schools.

The School Committee has adopted the following regulations respecting the "no-school" signals:

The "no-school" signal, when given at 8 o'clock a. m. indicates that there will be no morning session in grades 1, 2 and 3.

When given at 8.30 a. m. indicates that there will be no school in all grades.

When given at 11.15 indicates that there will be no afternoon session for grades 1, 2 and 3.

When given at 11.45 indicates that there will be no afternoon session for all grades.

The "no-school" signal in Precinct A will be given on the fire alarm by three strokes of the bell twice repeated, making nine strokes in all, thus: * * * * * * * * *

In Precinct D, or Bondsville, the "no-school" signal will be sounded upon the steam chime whistle at the mill of T. D. Potter.

In other precincts the "no-school" signal will be given by three blasts on the steam chime whistles, each blast from 3 to 5 seconds' duration, a pause between each blast of from 3 to 5 seconds, thus: —— —— ——. It will also be sounded by the chime whistle of the Wright Wire Company.

The "no-school" signal does not affect the High School; sessions are held there every day.

GRADUATES, 1912——

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I. PALMER HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS OF 1912.

Four Years' Course.

Marion Eliza Backus,
John Andrew Brosnan,
Ruth Alice Calkins,
Annie Mildred Cameron,
Gladys Marjory Doherty,
Elena Gold,
Kathryne Mansfield,
Maimie A. Mayor,
William Cantwell McDonald,
Ruth Lillian Parkhurst.

Commercial Course.

Mary E. Chambers,
Thomas Henry Cole,
Abbie Annie Fauteux,
Margaret R. Ferris,
Ella Hanifin,
Martina Rose Mahoney,
Josephine Veronica McGrath,
Edna Eva Monat,
William Henry Ritchie,
Francis W. Smith,
Olive Freemont Thompson,
Marion Woodhead.

Three Years' Course.

Doris Paine.

II. GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Palmer.

Charles Henry Agard,
*Helen Kimball Moulton,

Minnie May Barnes,
*Ina Louise Colburn,
Phyllis Ina Dane,
*Charles Ellis Denning,
*Roland Joseph Dennis,
Mary Anna Francesketti,
Julia Theresa Godek,
*Phyllis Evelyn Greene,
*Norman Willis Griffin,
*Myrtle Victoria Johnson,
*Anna Theresa LaSalle,
*George MacMahon,
*Sibyl Louise Marcy,
Elton Ray Matthews,
Howard Willis Moore,
*Mary Elizabeth Murphy,
*Helen May Newbury,
*Dorothy May Peterson,
*Ardell May Rich,
*Edna Sophia Richards,
*Grace Amelia Ross,
Merrill L. Simonds,
*Katie Caroline Slowick,
*Alice Margaret Smith,
*Leona Pauline Steele,
Mildred Elizabeth Trumble,
*William Russell Tyers,
*Edith Marie Vik,
*Lawrence Edward Woodgate.

Thorndike.

*Michael Thomas Cavanaugh,
*John Hobson Healey,
Victoria Louise Jorczak,
*Raymond George Laplante,
*Bernard John Loftus,
*Margaret Victoria McKenzie,
*William Smith,
*Joanna Clare Sugrue,
*Elizabeth Cecelia Sullivan.

Bondsville.

*Charles Edward Donahue,
*William Henry Donahue,
*Thomas Fitzgerald,
*Mary Elizabeth Heys,
Charles Langelier,
*Myrtle Elizabeth McVicker,
*John Bryan Moriarty,
*James Lyman Odell,
*Bertha Mary Ramsden.

Three Rivers.

*Mary Agnes Bothwell,
Margaret May Brown,
*Thelma Josephine Keith,
*Hazel Belle Marshall,
*Rose Irene Riddle,
Agnes Ritchie,
*Eva Agnes Senecal,
*Leora May Smith,
*Milton Powell Willis.

Table of Cost. Ten Years Compared.

	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9	1909-10	1910-11	1911-12	1912-13
Teachers	$14,185.50	$14,609.89	$15,320.38	$14,873.25	$14,667.10	$16,801.20	$17,542.30	$18,921.18	$20,707.29	$21,620.82
Janitors	1,587.22	1,696.00	1,650.50	1,744.21	1,722.54	1,832.78	2,091.38	2,317.12	2,335.62	2,362.62
Contingencies	700.77	1,400.90	1,324.92	1,100.35	1,573.00	889.41	1,225 39	1,740.40	1,500.00	2,153.85
Supervision	1,720.00	1,908.85	1,911.15	1,800.00	2,365.00	1,933.36	2,000.04	2,000.04	1,799.97	1,833.36
Text Books, Supplies	1,343.68	1,396.57	1,401.03	1,598.70	1,479.59	1,385.48	1,504.09	1,496.39	1,699.21	1,800.00
Repairs	576.21	467.31	1,009.22	382.45	339.56	439.37	977.34	500.00	497.05	499.24
Fuel and Light	2,185.10	2,148.76	2,106.37	2,148.36	2,598.08	2,886.07	2,450.70	2,500.00	2,700.00	3,000.00
Transportation	550.00	662.50	1,247.50	1,719.03	1,808.70	1,641.70	1,576.00	1,558.28	1,799.68	1,897.30
Drawing	500.00	500.00	548.54	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500 00	500.00
Music	496.27	494.75	500.00	485.57	448.87	436.67	427.82	477.49	500.00	599 93
Insurance	252 75	60.00	551.25	243.00	98.63	400.50	67.87	500.00	196 22	443.10
Manual Training								991.65	796.95	650.00
Commercial								1,947.75	2.000.00	1,999.99
Special	3,747.00			150.00		2,910.69	181.57	300.00	945.36	500 00
Medical Inspection					200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL	$27,844.50	$25,345.53	$27,570.86	$26,744.92	$27,801.07	$32,257.23	$30,744.50	$35,950.30	$38,177.54	$40,060.21
Average Membership	978.82	1,031.64	1,107.91	1,084 67	1,039.24	1,151.19	1,193.56	1,243.38	1,298.9	1,411.33
Average Attendance	901.82	964.93	1,045.92	1,040.47	982.	1,094.03	1,130.3	1,157.35	1,244.56	1,333.62
Cost per pupil based on average membership	$24.45	$24.57	$24.89	$24.66	$26.75	$28.02	$25.76	$28.91	†$29.39	$28.38
Cost per pupil based on average attendance	30.88	26.26	26.36	25.70	28 31	29.48	27.20	31.06	†30.68	30.03

II. TABLE OF TARDINESS FOR TEN YEARS.

Ten Years Compared.

	'02-3	'03-4	'04-5	'05-6	'06-7	'07-8	'08-9	'09-10	'10-11	'11-12
High School	254	80	68	63	51	222	161	230	322	85
Palmer Grammar	535	239	176	166	149	327	344	158	178	83
Three Rivers Grammar	54	70	36	71	32	106	108	126	165	63
Thorndike Grammar	17	3	42	38	26	27	45	56	104	31
Bondsville Grammar	24	29	28	22	19	28	21	25	29	16
Wire Mill	8	7	11	24	14	x	52	46	61	51
Center	65	30	39	29	17	37	19	28	12	9
Mason	2	3	7	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shorley	25	24	27	16	—	—	x	8	26	32
Forest Lake	29	50	60	79	—	—	—	50	10	61
Blanchardville	—	—	—	-	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,013	535	494	519	308	747	750	727	907	431

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, SS. TOWN OF PALMER.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer, in Said County. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A, at the Engine House on Park street in the Depot Village; in Precinct B, at Temperance Hall on Commercial street in Thorndike; in Precinct C, at Ruggles' Hall on East Main street in Three Rivers, and in Precinct D, at Holden's old store in Bondsville, on Monday, the 17th day of March, A. D. 1913, at 6 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the precinct officers of the several voting precincts of said town, for the following town officers, to wit: Three Selectmen, a Town Treasurer, a Tax Collector, two Auditors, five Constables, three Fence Viewers, three License Commissions, and a Highway Surveyor, all for the term of one year; one Assessor for the term of one year (to fill vacancy); one Overseer of the Poor for the term of two years (to fill vacancy); one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, two members of the School Committee, one member of the Board of Health, and one Cemetery Commissioner, all for the term of three years; also to vote by ballot, which shall be "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be open at 6 o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House at Four Corners, in said Palmer, on Monday, the 24th day of March, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose two or more Field Drivers, Measurers of Wood and Bark, and all other usual town officers.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to hire or build a tramp room and lockup.

Art. 4. To act on the reports of the town officers.

Art. 5. To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the ensuing municipal year, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof; all debts incurred under authority of this vote to be paid from the taxes of the said municipal year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow money not to be paid from the taxes of the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To hear and act on the reports of committees.

Art. 9. To choose committees and give them instructions.

Art. 10. To see if the town will allow a discount, and determine what interest shall be paid on the taxes to be assessed for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To determine the manner and state the terms and conditions of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year, and fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the Young Men's Library Association.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise money to convey pupils to and from the public schools, and instruct the School Committee as to the manner of letting the contract for such conveyance.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise money for the celebration of Memorial Day.

Art. 16. To see what action the town will take in relation to sewers.

Art. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to lighting the streets, and whether it will authorize the Selectmen to make contract therefor, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 18. To see what action the town will take in reference to the planting and preservation of shade trees.

Art. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the care and improvement of cemeteries.

Art. 20. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalks.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to maintain night police in the several villages, and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see what action the town will take relative to suits and claims now pending against the town.

Art. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for necessary aid to soldiers and sailors and their families, and the families of the slain, and entrust the same to L. L. Merrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, under the provision of law.

Art. 24. To see if the town will make provision for reimbursing the police officers for expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 25. To see if the town will appropriate money for

the suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths and elm tree beetles.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the repair and maintenance of the clock located in the Universalist Church tower, in the Depot Village, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $300.00 for insurance and maintenance of the auto fire truck, for the ensuing year, or see what action it will take relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will appropriate money for defraying the town's share of the support of the District Court.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to change the name of Pond street in the Depot Village to Squier street.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to locate and maintain one electric light on Thorndike street in the Depot Village, near the residence of George Shaw.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for a map of the section of the Depot Village near the Wire Mill for the use of the Assessors.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the purchase of hose for use in extinguishing fire.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in North Main street in the Depot Village from a point near the residence of George E. Clough westerly to the present sewer at or near the residence of Abraham Johnson, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to locate and maintain one electric light on the highway leading from Four Corners to Bondsville, opposite the property of George Roberts.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money due Michael McKelligott for services as High-

way Surveyor for the year ending February 15, 1913, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to construct two culverts, one in the highway leading from Palmer Center to Ware at a point where the so-called Gates Brook crosses said highway, and one in the highway leading from Whipple's Crossing to Warren Road at a point where the Gates Brook, so-called, crosses said highway, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to locate and maintain a three-cluster electric light opposite St. Mary's Church on Main street, in the village of Thorndike, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to have the Assessors' valuation for the year 1913 printed, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to construct an ash sidewalk on the southwesterly side of Bourne street in the Village of Three Rivers.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to purchase eighteen fire extinguishers, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to repair the ash sidewalk in the Village of Bondsville from a point opposite T. D. Potter's hardware store on Main street to a point opposite the residence of Frank Lamb on Pine avenue, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to repair the ash sidewalk in the Village of Bondsville from the point of intersection of State and Pleasant streets to a point opposite the residence of A. P. Knowlton.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to construct an ash sidewalk in the Village of Bondsville beginning at the point of intersection of Griffin and High streets and extending down to the foot of what is known as Slattery's Hill, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to locate and maintain one electric light on Main street in the Village of Bondsville near the residence of F. E. Davis.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $100.00 for the installation of a hydrant in front of the Bondsville Grammar School building.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to build an addition to, and make alterations in, the Bondsville Grammar School building, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purchase of a road sweeper, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to build a gravel road between Four Corners and Burleigh Crossing.

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to resurface with oil and gravel the Main street road in Bondsville from a point opposite French Catholic Church and extending northerly up Main street to end of present macadam road at the point of intersection of Maple and High streets.

Art. 50. To see if the town will vote to build an ash sidewalk in Randall street in the Depot Village, and raise and appropriate money for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 51. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Vaille street in the Depot Village from the point of intersection of said Vaille street with South Main street to a point opposite the residence of Michael Barrett, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 52. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the employment of district or other nurses, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the different public

places designated by the vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting, and cause this warrant to be printed in the Palmer Journal at least two issues before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March, A. D. 1913.

HAROLD W. BRAINERD,
CHARLES D. HOLDEN,
WILLIAM E. McDONALD,
Selectmen of Palmer.